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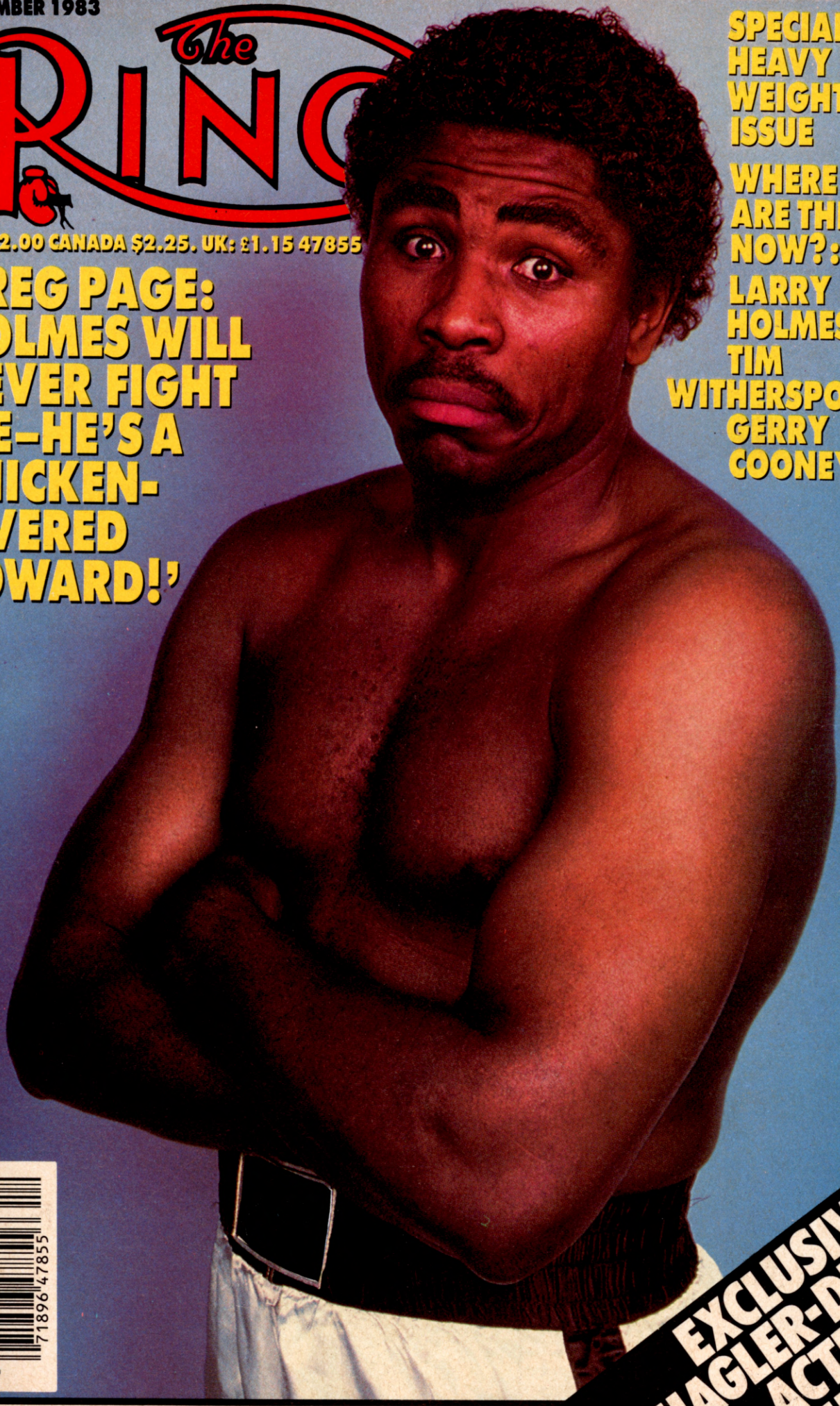

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# RINGSIDE

## "WE'RE MAD AS HELL AND NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE..."

REPORTING THE NEWS HASN'T BEEN THE same since that day almost 100 years ago when a newspaper reporter filed his story on the Johnstown flood leading with the deathless phrase, "God sitting on His mountain top looked down below and witnessed one of the most devastating sights ever seen..." Some editor, whose name has now been lost to newspaper historians, read the lead and wired back, "Forget flood. Stop. Interview God."

For lo the past 94 years reporters—those of the electronic as well as print variety—have tried mightily to come up with stories which come as close to the facts as Dolly Parton's blouse. One of those magic moments occurred minutes after last summer's Michael Spinks-Eddie Mustafa Muhammed "fight" had been scratched. A reporter, trying mightily to make chicken salad out of chicken droppings, called one of these reporters who had been at the "Weightgate" weigh-in for his talk show on a Windsor-cum-Detroit radio station and asked, "Hasn't this been a terrible week for boxing?" Trying mightily to keep his temper, the floppy-hatted writer could only answer, "Sure, it's been a terrible week for boxing: A Heisman Trophy winner admitted to counterfeiting six million dollars, four Dallas Cowboys are under investigation for sniffing the 50-yard line, one Soviet diver lies near death after striking his head off the high board and some Good ol' Boy ran his car off the track down in Georgia killing a few spectators. But it's been a terrible week for boxing."

Boxing continues to be the litterbox of sports, discriminated against by newsmen—and researchers—who approach their chore with a haughty, almost cynical deliciousness, to say nothing of hypocrisy. These Grinches who are trying to steal our sport include two editorial writers from the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* who, with all the "Chutzpah" of one who murders his mother and father and then throws himself at the mercy of the court as an orphan, wrote an editorial condemning boxing and then called the sports desk to get free tickets for the Coetzee-Dokes fight. It also includes those newspapermen who, upon the tragic occasion of boxer Gino Perez' death, called the Associated Press boxing editor, Eddie Schuyler, less to question the fact that eight deaths have been documented this year by *The Ring* than to request their names—a practice they never indulge in for "killer sports" like football and auto racing, both of which claim far more lives each year.

Then there are those noble creatures known as the AMA, shorthand for the American Medical Association, that wonderful group which not only has written a report *not* denouncing dioxins, but almost supporting these cancer-causing agents while at the same time denouncing boxing. The pompous ass who calls himself the editor of the AMA Journal came out with some elitist claptrap calling for boxing to be "banned in civilized countries" after a new study was done of 38 Ohio boxers. Not only did all 38 undergo CAT scans, but, strange to tell, all 38—who were promised anonymity—purported to have winning records. Not only is that tidy, it's patent hogwash. The new 1983 *Ring Record Book* has the records of 80 fighters from the Buckeye State, only half of whom had winning records! Could the sample of 38 boxers with winning records be faulty, along with the research? Why not?, it came from the great state of Ohio, which in 1895 had but two registered motorcars, both of whom managed to collide one day, a day that undoubtedly started Murphy's Law.

The research, and the editor's outraged—as well as outrageous—reaction to it remind the writer of the story of the patient who, after an auto accident, had his leg put in a cast and was held overnight, pending his dismissal. The next day the doctor announced, "I think you'd better stay another day...I didn't know how bad you were banged up till I read about the accident in the newspaper."

Why haven't doctors done a study on football injuries and fatalities? Or those from any other sport? Why just boxing? Is it because they are constantly pandering to headlines, headlines people want to believe? Or is it because they're attempting to play God? And, if they are, shouldn't we interview them on *their* mountain top?

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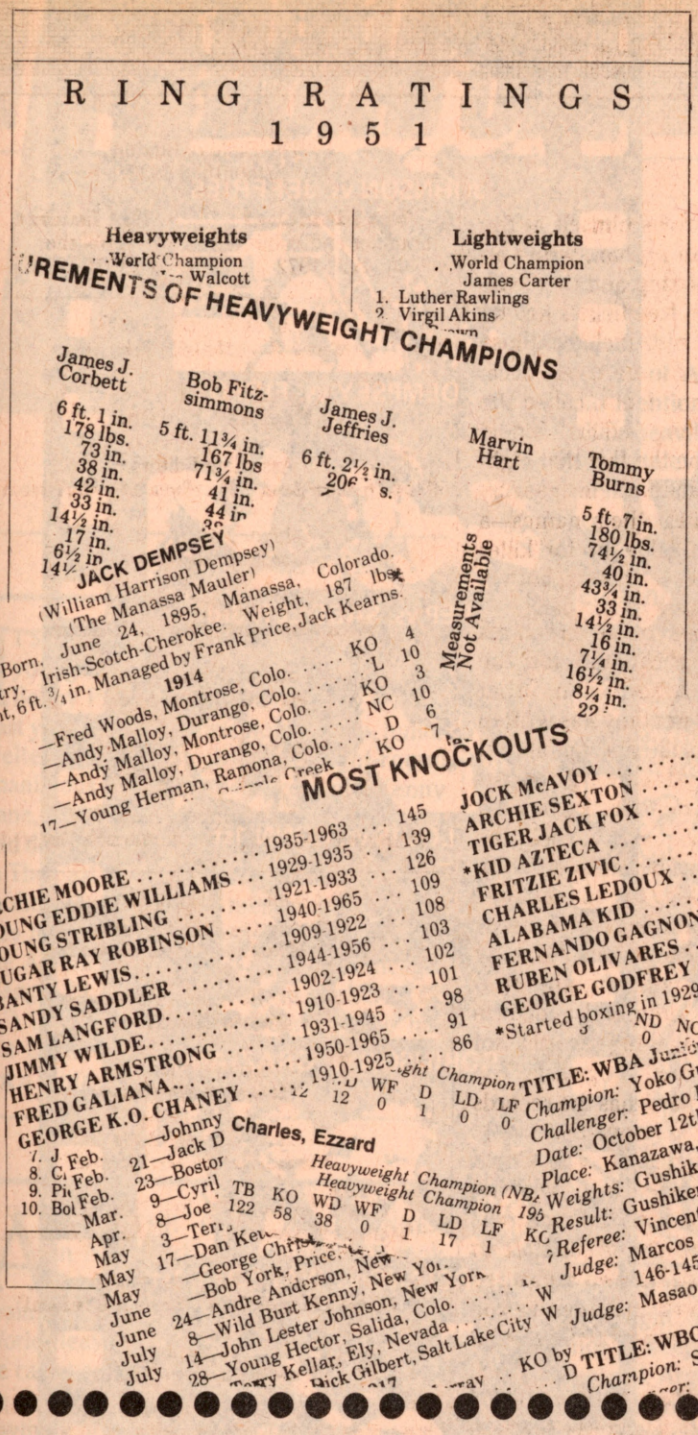


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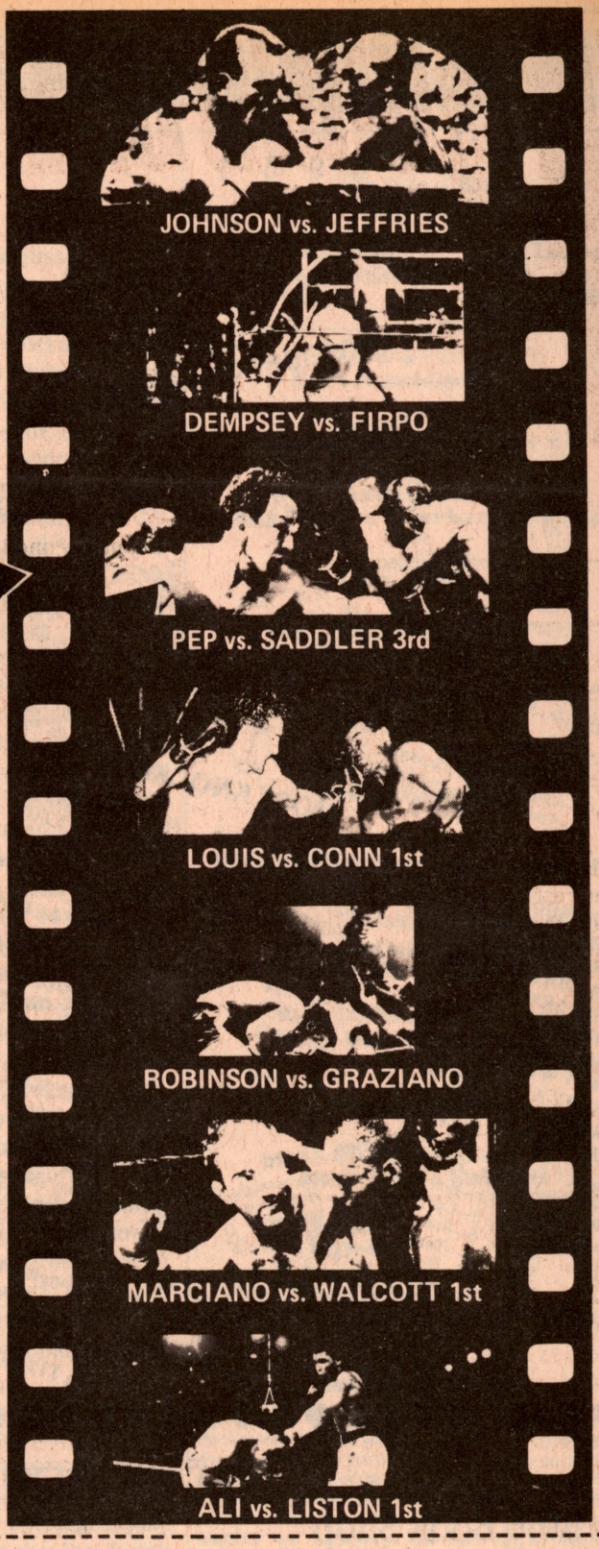


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# ROUND ONE

## THE OLD SCHOOL TRY

IT'S UPLIFTING TO KNOW THAT SOME young men still respect their elders, but Bobby Plegge may be overdoing it a bit. Last year Plegge, a Portsmouth, Ohio, junior welterweight lost by an eight-round unanimous decision to 50-year-old Kenny Lane, a 1963 lightweight title claimant who had decided to came back (*Round One* "Life In The Fast Lane," October, 1982). Now, as if to show that last year's memorable instance was no fluke, Bobby has done it again. At the Americana Congress Hotel in Chicago, Plegge, 29, lost by decision to Herbert ("Dr O.") Odom, a 50-year-old dentist who has just taken up professional boxing "to live out a fantasy."

## ALI-BI

AFTER THE GALA WBC DINNER in New York, Muhammad Ali took time out to deny that he had suffered brain damage from boxing. The three-time World Heavyweight Champion showed that he can speak clearly when he wants to but he also showed that if he is suffering from anything, it's probably paranoia.

"The white power structure is afraid of my power with the people because I'm black and a Muslim," Ali said. "They think they can stop my programs if they can make people think I'm crazy. The FBI and the CIA will do anything they can to stop my plans."

## ARGUELLO WANTS TO TAKE UP ARMS AFTER HANGING UP GLOVES

WE NOTED LAST MONTH (*ROUND one*: "Managua...") that the name Alexis Arguello is anathema to the Sandinista junta that rules his homeland of Nicaragua. The Sandinistas expropriated all of Arguello's property and they forbid mention of the national hero's name in their heavily censored newspapers and radio and television broadcasts.

Arguello has retired from the ring following his second knockout loss at the hands of

Aaron Pryor, but the former featherweight, junior lightweight and lightweight champion intends to keep his hand in the affairs of his homeland. Argu llo and a Miami journalist slipped into southern Nicaragua, a stronghold of the *contras* who are warring with the Sandinistas, and offered to join the guerrillas. Rebel leader Eden Pastora declined Arguello's offer, telling the 31-year-old ex-champion that he would be more valuable spreading the rebels' message in the U.S. and in the rest of Latin America."The trenches are in international politics." said Pastora.

## MUSICAL MANAGERS

JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, HOWARD Davis, Jr. appeared at a press conference with Don King and expressed delight with a multi-fight contract he had just inked with the promoter. But now Davis has had a change of heart, and not his first one either, remembering his first association with managers Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones. Charging that his manager, Edward Gersh, "entered into the contract with King against my express directions," Davis dismissed Gersh and entered into a promotional agreement with Jack Solerwitz and Leonard Leeds, two Long Island lawyers who had been advising him on his divorce. As to the contract with King, Davis claims it is invalid because he signed it "as a promoter, not a fighter; not as an individual but as an officer of a corporation which does not exist."

Gersh recited a litany of all he has done for Davis and all the money he has lent the fighter. "Davis can't fire me," says Gersh, who has filed a lawsuit against Howard. And Bobby Goodman, Don King's matchmaker, says Davis' description of their contract is a farce. "What the hell would we want Davis as a promoter for?" asks Goodman.

Last year Bobby Goodman remarked, "Why should we give Davis a title shot? He's not our of *our* fighters," and now a King spokesman says that "Davis has ruined his career" by turning against King. *The Ring* rates Davis tops among the lightweights after the WBA and WBC champions, Ray Mancini and Edwin Rosario, but neither the WBA nor WBC rates the Long Islander number one—meaning Howard is not in line for a mandatory title shot. But Solerwitz says that when Davis returns to action, he'll enter the ring wearing a gold belt to indicate that Howard is the "people's champion" and hopefully to goad Mancini into accepting his challenge. That is, if Solerwitz is still associated with him by that time.

## A SEQUEL TO WOODY ALLEN'S "TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN"

IN THE CURRENT TELEVISION COMmercial, John Houseman tells us that the folks at brokers Smith Barney "make money the old-fashioned way. They *earn* it." On the other hand there are those cynics who have done a take-off on the commercial, changing the wording to read "We make money the old-fashioned way, we steal it."

Well, whatever's good for Smith Barney is also good for Ray Mancini. Boom Boom and his manager, Dave Wolf, just cleared half a million dollars by merely signing a contract and sitting on their hands for a month. Providence, R.I. millionaire Bob Andreoli was relieved of that much excess cash—and then some— in his "Welcome to the boxing business" debacle.

After Mancini successfully defended his WBA lightweight title against Orlando Romero in September, Andreoli inked Mancini to a two-million dollar, by-the-end-of-the-year defense against Bobby Chacon. There were murmurings that Andreoli would not be able to come up with the bout because of television and other scheduling problems but the businessman went ahead and gave Mancini $500,000 up front.

Still in October, Andreoli conceded that the possible December dates had been scratched. The fight, Andreoli contended, would be held in February during a television ratings sweeps week.

"Not necessarily," says Dave Wolf. "Andreoli's option expires in December. We'll certainly talk to Andreoli about a February title fight with Chacon, but we'll listen to other offers too."

A spokesman for Andreoli admitted that Mancini is free to take the money and run. "But he still has his image to worry about," said the spokesman. Wolf doesn't deny that Mancini may have a "moral obligation" to Andreoli. But the moral obligation won't go nearly as far as half a million dollars cash in hand.

## *WIN TICKETS TO BIG FIGHT*

WHEN THE MORINING PAPERS hit the stands with the announcement that junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor had announced his retirement from boxing, the phones here at *The Ring* began ringing. And ringing.

"This is a joke, right?" demanded one caller.

"Pryor's just trying to get more money for his comeback fight," said another caller.

But Pryor's attorney, Robert Buechner of Cincinnati, assured us that it's no ploy. "Pryor is retired," said Buechner.

A WBA spokesman immediately announced that number one contender Johnny Bumphus would face number two Sang Ho Lee for the vacant title.

Well, we at *The Ring* don't know whether Pryor's retirement is a ploy or not, and we don't mean to question Aaron's veracity. But for our tens of thousands of readers who think Pryor's faking, and for the thousands more who think "The Hawk" is being truthful but will soon change his mind, The Ring institutes the "Pick-the-Hawk's-Next-Fight Contest."

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GREG PAGE LOOKS RATHER FORLORN on this month's cover as he states, "Larry Holmes will never fight me." Greg should cheer up. There's a good chance he will clear a large sum of money in early 1984 by simply sitting on his ample rear end.

Holmes is well over the WBC rulebook deadline for defending his heavyweight title against Page. WBC president Jose Sulaiman allowed Larry an extension for fighting Marvis Frazier and Scott Frank this year, but the WBC will hold Larry to his commitment to fight Page next. That is, of course, unless Greg himself agrees to step aside.

Page and his attorneys are well aware that the biggest money fight that could potentially be arranged for early 1984 would pit Holmes against WBA titlist Gerrie Coetzee for the undisputed Heavyweight Championship of the World. Should the promoters of that bout, probably Don King and Cedric Kushner, offer Page half a million dollars to step aside and wait to fight the winner, Greg would be hard-pressed to turn it down.

King told *The Ring* that he would not make such an offer to Page. But then again, King once said that he would never promote a fight for Coetzee. Butch Lewis, who just won a favorable out-of-court settlement from King over promotional rights to Page, expects Page to get just that kind of offer. Lewis' agreement with King calls for Butch to receive $250,000 plus a one-third share in the promotions of Page's first title fight and first three defenses—should he win the title, any title. It is unclear what Lewis would get if Page gets paid for *not* fighting. "If King tries to get around the settlement and not pay me by making a deal like that, we'll be right back in court," says Lewis.

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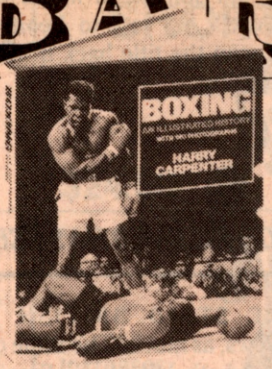


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his scheduled July title challenge against light heavyweight champion Michael Spinks in Washington and refused to even attempt to sweat off his excess poundage. Chairperson Cora Wilds has informed commissions around the country—and the WBC and the WBA as well—that the D.C. body has fined Mustafa $1,000 and suspended him for one year. The commission rejected Mustafa's charge that the official scale, which gave his weight as 177½ pounds for the 175-pound limit bout, had been rigged by promoter Butch Lewis.

Lewis, who—together with HBO— took a financial beating the night the Spinks-Muhammad fight was cancelled liked our suggestion (*Round One*: "An Idea Whose Time Has Come," October) that Muhammad should put up a bond guaranteeing that he makes the weight in the event a rematch is signed. "Let his pay me back the $287,000 I lost, too," added Lewis before admitting that he would not insist on that. But if the Washington suspension is honored around the world—WBC president Jose Sulaiman has indicated that his organization *will* go along—it just about drives the final nail into Muhammad's coffin as far as getting another "fight" with Spinks is concerned.

An interesting, but overlooked, point though, is that after Mustafa refused to try to make the weight in Washington, a verbal agreement was reached between the concerned parties to hold the fight as a 10-round, over-the-weight, non-title affair. Presumably, if the non-title fight had taken place, the D.C. commission would have fined Muhammad but not suspended him for a full year. The non-title fight was cancelled by Spinks; thus it appears Mustafa is being suspended for something over which he had no control.

## *BARTENDER'S TRIVIA CORNER*

WHAT NON-BAREKNUCKLE HALL-OF-Famer had the lowest knockout percentage?

*Last month's challenge:* Name four heavyweight titlists who won the championship in bouts immediately succeeding fights they had failed to win.

*Answer:* TOMMY BURNS was coming off a 20-round points loss to Jack (Twin) Sullivan when he won the title on a 20-round decision over Marvin Hart in 1906; JERSEY JOE WALCOTT was coming of a 15-round points loss to Ezzard Charles when he knocked out Charles to win the title in 1951; FLOYD PATTERSON was knocked out by Ingemar Johansson in 1959 but won the title by knocking out Johansson in his next fight; MUHAMMAD ALI lost to Leon Spinks in 1978 but won the title back from Spinks in his next outing.

## *BITING THE PEN THAT FEEDS 'EM*

THE STAID BRITISH BOXING News, as much "The Bible of Boxing" in what's left of the Empire as *The Ring* is in the U.S., is enmeshed in a dispute with an arrogant, childish promoter, Mike Barrett, who is evidently of the opinion that press credentials should be given to newsmen in the same manner as bones are thrown to dogs: doled out magnanimously to "reward good behavior", or withheld righteously to "punish bad behavior." Barrett, an associate of Mickey Duff's, has barred *Boxing News* from accreditation at any of his boxing shows, ostensibly because he objected to a paid advertisement that the weekly paper had accepted from rival promoter Frank Warren.

The advertisement, which appeared prior to the fight in which Barrett's fighter Charlie Magri, lost the world flyweight title to Frank Cedeno, accused Magri of avoiding Warren's flyweight sensation, Keith Wallace. In the ad, Warren made Magri an offer of 60,000 pounds ($90,000) to defend his title against Wallace. "Nothing could have been more likely to upset a fighter, prior to going into a world title defense," Barrett said. Referring to *Boxing News*' "provocative attitude," the promoter told the paper, "It is my privilege and my partners' privilege to decide whether to give you press facilities or not...I have no wish to have any further things to do with *Boxing News.*"

*Boxing News* editor Harry Mullan wrote that he believes his paper was banned because it had criticized several mismatches which Barrett and Duff had put on, including several matches pitting heavyweight hopeful Frank Bruno against a "string of overmatched no-hopers." Also, and perhaps most important of all, the paper had fought and helped repeal a British Boxing Board of Control policy of not allowing more than one major show in London within a span of 14 days. Mullan writes quite reasonably that the policy "had the effect of preventing any promoter other than the Duff faction from staging major shows."

The ban on *Boxing News* was followed by a similar ban of the boxing correspondent for the London Sunday Times. Barrett's and Duffs action seem more stupid than venal. If their goal is to get more favorable press coverage, these outrageous steps will surely be counterproductive.

## *A WINNER AND STILL CHAMPION*

Boxing's "Man of Steel", Tony Zale, was toasted recently on his seventieth birthday by a great yardful of his family and friends. Certificates of appreciation, commendations, and honorariums showered down, as well as letters of congratulations from Rocky Graziano and other old ring opponents. The widest smiles on the two-time world-middleweight champ's face were in response to the many warm greetings from his loving family and friends.

Tony, who earned the sobrioquet, "Man of Steel", from his iron-fisted body punching, from his willingness to take two punches to give one, and from growing up in the steel mills southeast of Chicago, returned after his ring retirement to the Windy City to teach boxing. There is hardly a Chicago cop on the force or a Chicago fireman in the department who has not had his boxing instructions. Thousands of Chicago youngsters have been taught the finer points of boxing by Tony Zale.

Boxing tapped the Man of Steel out in the fiery mills on the shores of Lake Michigan, and since then, he molded first himself and then others in the virtues of clean living and hard work. There were a lot of people at Tony's birthday party to thank him for that. As Dr. Stuart Kirschenbaum, Michigan's Boxing Commissioner said, "you won't meet a finer gentleman than Tony Zale".

## *PUNCHLINES*

Marvis Frazier, on having his father, former World Heavyweight Champion Joe Frazier, in his corner: "He keeps me pumped up. One time I was having a tough go of it and in my corner after the seventh round he says, 'Want me to take the last three rounds for you?' I laughed and said, "No, I got it, Pops.'"

Ex WBA lightweight champion Sean O'Grady, on being on "Queer Street": "When you get hit really hard, you get a ringing in your ears. You can see, but everything is blurry except what you're focusing on, and even that's sort of cloudy. Sometimes the ring will tilt up or down, or it becomes really blurred and it's like you're underwater. That's a good equivalent, because you can't hear anything. And you desperately want to get back to the way you're supposed to be."

***By BEN SHARAV***

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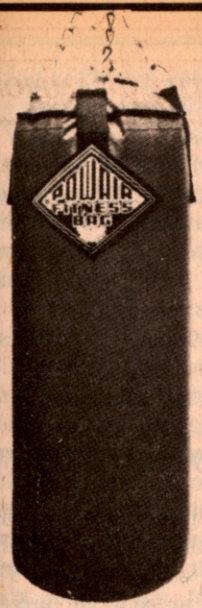


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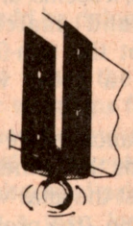

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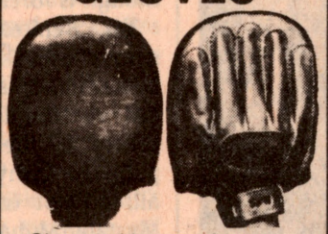

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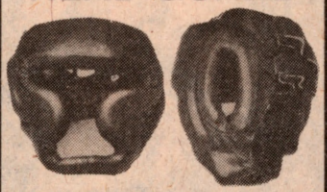

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# FRONT PAGE

## BY MICHAEL KATZ

IT TAKES ALL KINDS, WHICH IS HOW, I suppose, we wound up with Jose Sulaiman and Bert Sugar on the same planet. So it is that boxers can be divided into two general sub-species: fighters and non-fighters. Alexis Arguello and Vito Antuofermo, even retired, are fighters. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and Wilfred Benitez, even when champions, are non-fighters.

Being a fighter is not necessarily good. Being a non-fighter is not necessarily bad. Witness Atilla the Hun and Mahatma Gandhi. In boxing, the lines are even more blurred.

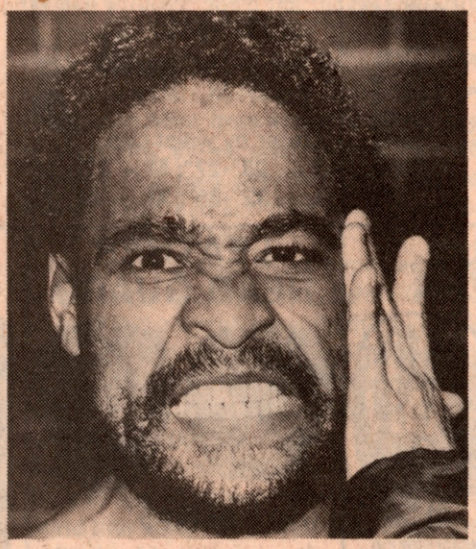
Men who have never walked the path from dressing room to ring can only guess at the terror. It is a wonder that boxers make that trip at all; perhaps even a greater wonder when it is made by one of the non-fighters. Whatever motivates them—money, pride, fear—they are the ones who truly deserve our admiration. The fighters, the Joe Fraziers and Roberto Durans, act as if they cannot wait to get into the ring. They are at their best inside the ropes and no one has to push them to get there.

The non-fighters create problems, so therefore they are admonished. The non-fighter, especially when scheduled to fight, is a promoter's nightmare. The non-fighter signs for a bout, then three days before suddenly discovers a wounded hangnail. Matchmakers, a very sensitive lot, ask for sympathy, not for the terrified non-fighter who realizes his manager has put him in with a killer to get another payday, but for themselves. How cay they put cards together if these bums keep dropping out?

Now, it seems, the legally empowered ruling bodies—not the WBA or WBC, but the state athletic commissions—are getting tough. Non-fighters will be punished severly. The show must go on. Boxing, after all, is show biz.

"As far as I'm concerned," said John Branca, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, "Mustafa Muhammad suspended himself."

Branca said he was happy to go along with the one-year suspension of No-Weigh Eddie inflicted by the Washington D.C. commission. He pointed to New York's 6-day suspension of Jose Baret, a mediocre but hard-punching welterweight who was built up by Madison Square Garden against an assortment of stiffs until his confidence was



shattered by his first two real opponenets, Marlon Starling and Floyd Maywether, both of whom stopped Baret. Baret was scheduled to main event at the Garden's Felt Forum when he suddenly "discovered" an injury and pulled out. When he appeared before the commission, Baret said his injury had gotten better. The commission said 60 days.

"Baret was just a kid," said Branca. "That's why the suspension was so light. But we're telling all fighters we weren't going to tolerate their endangering whole cards."

Across the Hudson, Bob Lee was inclined to follow the same reasoning in the case of Benitez. The three-time former world champion, frequently a reluctant dragon even in the ring, had failed to show up for an Atlantic City tune-up against Mario Maldonado, a tough club fighter, before a scheduled title fight against Thomas Hearns. Lee, the deputy commissioner of the New Jersey State Athletic Commission, thought Benitez deserved to be suspended for three or four months.

"He's a headliner," said Lee. "If he's able to get away with that nonsense, then the lower fighters are going to try and get away with it."

Branca wondered "what promoter would risk putting Mustafa Muhammad in a fight?" But these are business considerations. The commisssions, it seems, are acting to protect promoters and matchmakers, as if they—and not the non-fighters—were the backbone of a sport with so few real gladiators.

Lee and Branca, however, say their concern is also for the "other" fighter, the guy left standing at the altar when his opponent doesn't show up—the prelim kids who miss out on a payday when a No-Weigh Eddie doesn't care to fight. What is dangerous, though is *forcing* nonfighters to fight.

Take Benitez, for example. PLEase. By his nature and style, Benitez, like Mustafa Muhammad, is a negative fighter. He does not create situations in the ring, but instead reacts to them. He is a pure counter-puncher. Many people, and thankfully not all, do not enjoy watching a Benitez or Mustafa Muhammad (or even a genuine "fighter," like Saoul Mamby with the same general ring philosophy) work. In truth, unless skillfully matched against an aggressive fighter, they tend to be dull bouts.

But in the same way that no one would thing of *forcing* Benitez or Mustafa to throw lead right hands, they should not be forced to enter the ring. Jimmy Jacobs, Benitez' manager, said Wilfred was "emotionally unstable" at the time he was scheduled to face Maldonado, thanks to the IRS, which can invoke more fear than a Sonny Liston stare. Jacobs argued that it would be dangerous for his fighter suddenly hit by a huge tax lien, to enter the ring under those conditions. And Lee agreed that it would be "an invitation to disaster" to force a boxer to fight. This may be a business, but it is a very dangerous business and the prime consideration *must* be safety (if only for business reasons: imagine the state of boxing should a popular hero like Ray Mancini get hurt in the ring).

The aggrieved parties in the Benitez case include ESPN, which was going to cablecast the Maldonado bout. But ESPN could not argue about the obligation of fighters to show up, come what may. Hardly. The first

thing ESPN did was look for a replacement by trying to lure Mike McCallum off another TV card. (In fact, matchmaker Don Elbaum came up with a happy solution: getting Marlo Roybal, who had been jilted by Davey Moore, to substitute and the ensuing fight, won narrowly by Maldonado, was a crowd pleaser).

Benitez' emotional state seems a reasonable excuse to pull out of a fight. And in most cases, there seems a reasonable safeguard available for promoters and matchmakers. It has been used succesfully on Broadway for years. Hire a standby, a third man who could substitute for either combattant in case of a last-minute cancellation. This need not be that expensive, either. Unless needed, the third man could get paid only a nominal fee to stay in shape, something he should be doing anyway if he is a professional.

This would not solve the problems of withdrawals after weigh-ins for title fights. Mustafa Muhammad had no excuse for his actions in Washington, except No-Weigh Eddie is a man of misguided principles. Eddie has always been a man looking for the angles. He grew up street-smart in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn and I have no doubt that he truly believes Butch Lewis, Michael Spinks' promoter, fixed the scales for Eddie to be overweight. That's probably what they would do in Brownsville and chicanery is more likely in the nation's capital. But even if Lewis did fix the scales, all Eddie had to do was show up two hours later and get on the scales again. He didn't have to weaken himself by sweating off pounds in a sauna or by jumping rope or by helping Bert Sugar lift bags of flour. The show must go on! And WBA officials were ready to look the other way when Eddie got on the scales again and simply say "175, the fight goes on."

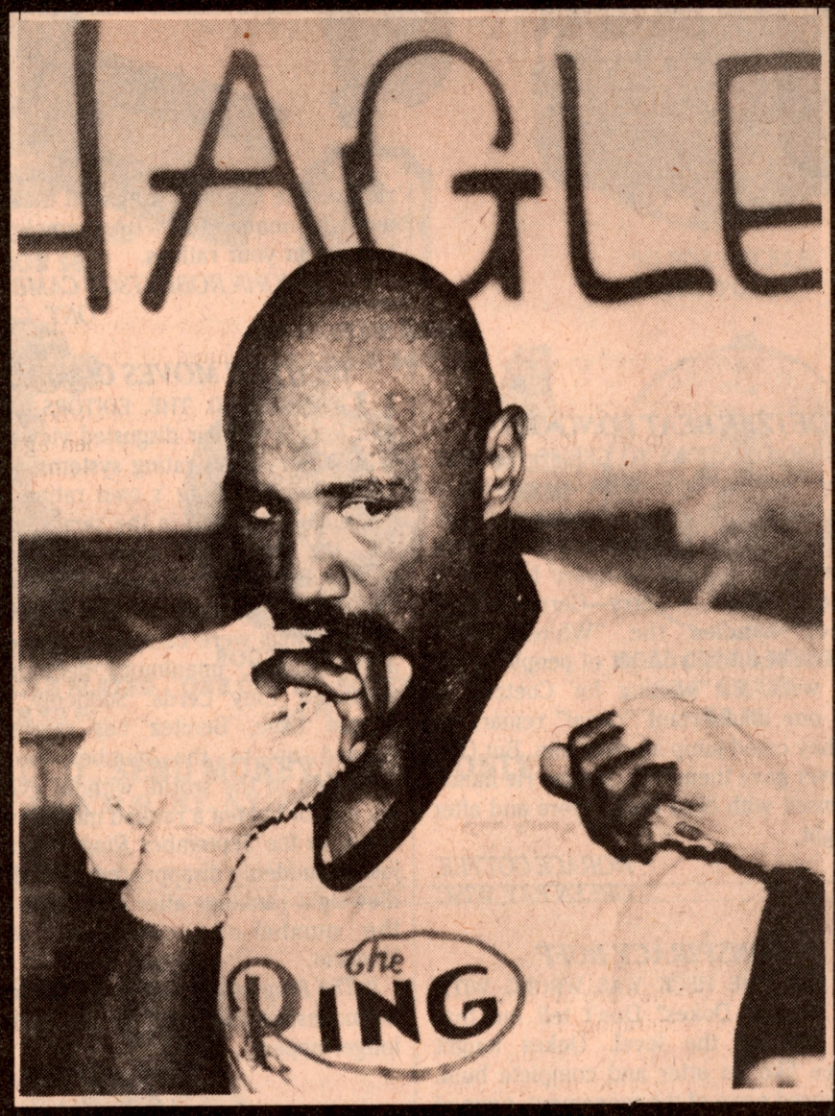
"The first time they fought," said Bob Lee, who was the WBA observer in Las Vegas, "when Eddie got back on the scales, somebody stepped on my foot. When I turned to get the guy off, Eddie stepped off the scales, and someone said, '175,' even though the thing was still moving. They pulled a fast one on me. But nobody really cared. We wanted the fight to go on."

It was that way in Washington, where James Binns, head of the Pennsylvania commission, was the WBA observer. But Eddie would not play the game. "I'm standing up for all fighters," he said.

Then again, no one seems to complain much about promoters who do not promote, but merely package TV shows. And there are even less bitches about matchmakers who come up with bouts that are so bad the indictment should include premeditation.

Fighters, of course, are *always* guilty.

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# COME OUT WRITING

### COETZEE BEAT LONG ODDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO GERRIE COETZEE for winning the WBA heavyweight championship. Coetzee overcame tough odds which would have made a lot of lesser fighters give up. Just compare him for a minute to that other Gerry—Gerry Cooney. Coetzee handled the "White Hope" albatross beautifully. A lot of people in the press were just waiting for Coetzee to make one inadvertant "racial" remark so that they could jump all over him. But Gerrie never gave them that chance. He handled himself with class both before and after the fight.

*HORACE COTTER,*
*GREEN BAY, WISC.*

### CONSPIRACY BUFF

WHAT THE HECK WAS WRONG WITH Michael Dokes? Don't tell me that fight was on the level. Dokes fought Coetzee like an utter and complete bum. He showed none of the movement, none of the handspeed and none of the guts that brought him to the top. In the 10th round, Michael just seemed to be looking for a place to go down.

Don King seems to be mighty pleased with his new boy, Coetzee. He's trying to convince people that the South African is a great fighter and a champion. But people who know boxing won't be fooled.

*HORACE JACKSON,*
*CLEVELAND, OHIO*

### NO WAY, JOSE

I GOT A GOOD LAUGH FROM YOUR interview with Jose Sulaiman in the October issue of *The Ring*. Sulaiman, trying to restore his good-guy image with flag-waving-I-love-America speeches was pure comedy. Hats off to Michael Marley for a first-rate interview.

Sulaiman's comments were a lot of baloney. He claimed, "...we are giving everybody an opportunity regardless of nationality, race, color, or politics." O.K. Jose, then please explain why you didn't list Gerrie Coetzee in your ratings alll those years and why none of the WBA champions ever turn up in your ratings.

*JOHN ROBERTSON CAMBRIDGE,*
*ONT., CANADA*

### BENITEZ' MOVES CONFUSE

HAVING READ THE EDITORS OF *THE Ring* give their disgusted views of the WBC's and WBA's rating systems, I find it ironic that *The Ring* 's own rating system has seemingly gone in the same direction.

In the July, 1983 issue of *The Ring*, Wilfred Benitez is not ranked amongst the top 18 middleweights in the world. After those ratings were compiled, Benitez won a hard-fought, unanimous decision over unranked Tony Cerda. Suddenly, in the August issue, Benitez has mysteriously jumped up to the number two middleweight in the world, without ever having met or beaten a ranked midddleweight. Then, in the September *Ring*, Benitez has just as suddenly disappeared from the middleweight rankings after a decision loss to the number-one contender, Mustafa Hamsho.

If *The Ring* wishes to remain the leader it is, inconsistencies such as this should no longer appear.

*STEPHEN P. CRAIG,*
*SACRAMENTO, CALIF.*

***Editor's note: We admit it when we're wrong, but there was no inconsistency in the case of Wilfred Benitez'* Ring *rating. The confusion arises from Benitez' being rated in more than one division. A fighter is eligible for a* Ring *rating in any division in which he actively competes.* The Ring *has rated Benitez the number one contender in the junior* middleweight *division ever since he lost the WBC junior middleweight title to Thomas Hearns. After Benitez beat Cerda and expressed a wish to challenge Marvin Hagler for the* middleweight *title,* The Ring *quite properly began rating Wilfred as a middleweight as well.* The Ring*'s International Ratings Panel voted (incorrectly, perhaps) to rank Wilfred number two in the middleweights. After his embarrassing loss to Hamsho, Benitez stated that his move up to middleweight was a mistake and he would no longer fight in the 160-pound class. Hence,* The Ring *dropped Benitez from the middleweight ratings.***

### MORGAN WAS FIRST FOR NEV.

IN THE SEPTEMBER *RING* IT WAS stated that Richard Green Jr. was the first black man to referee a world title fight in Nevada (*Round One*: "Down For The Count"). That is incorrect. The first black man to referee a world title fight in Nevada was me, when I reffed the Jose Torres-Eddie Cotton light heavyweight championship fight in 1966.

*NATE MORGAN,*
*CHICAGO, ILL.*

### DURAN AND ARGUELLO DID IT THE HARD WAY

ROBERTO DURAN AND ALEXIS Arguello, two of the ring's greatest champions, could have already been in the Record Book as having won four titles apiece. But they chose not to do that the easy way.

Duran held the lightweight, welterweight and now junior middleweight titles. From lightweight king he skipped clear over the junior welterweight class (where he could have taken the title easily) and went straight for the welterweights, first beating Carlos Palomino and then taking the title from Sugar Ray Leonard. If he'd stopped off at junior welterweight on the way up, he'd now have four.

Arguello held the featherweight, junior lightweight and lightweight titles. When he was too big for lightweight and decided to go after the junior welterweight crown, he decided to challenge Aaron Pryor. He should have challenged Leroy Haley, who then held the WBC junior welterweight title. He would have had no trouble winning that title. After Arguello lost, he decided to go after Pryor again. He should have gone after Bruce Curry, who now has the WBC title.

This is what I would like to see: If Arguello has anything left, he should fight Curry for the other half of the title, beat him, get his fourth title and retire for good.

It's too late for Duran to go after the junior welterweight title. But after the Hagler fight I'd like to see him fight the two guys who beat him when he was out of shape: Kirkland Laing and Wilfred Benitez. I predict he would knock them both out—Laing within four rounds and Benitez within eight.

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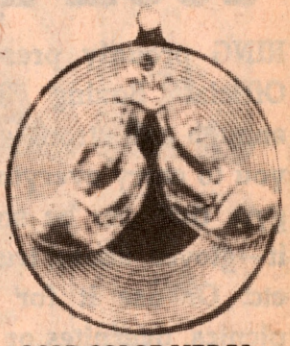

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**Q** Two questions: (1) Was the long count against Dempsey the only time Gene Tunney was down in his career? (2) Why did Billy Soose give up his middleweight crown?

*—RAND HIGBEE*
*Spearfish, S.D.*

**A** *(1) Yes. (2) Could no longer make 160.*

**Q** Can you give me any info on the Ketchel-Langford Bout?

*—JAMES ROURKE*
*Parsipanny, N.J.*

**A** *It was held in Philadelphia on April 27, 1910 and went the scheduled distance of six rounds. Langford hoped to meet Ketch in a scheduled 45-rounder for the latter's world middleweight title, and might have been keeping himself "under wraps." Ketchel was the aggressor, but Langford was never in any danger, and the newspapers were divided as to which man won.*

**Q** What were the scores at the end of the seventh round in the second Ray Leonard-Roberto Duran bout?

*—ALEX AZARIAN, JR.*
*La Crescenta, Calif.*

**A** *Mike Jacobs (England), 68-66; Jean Deswerts (Belgium), 68-66; James Brimmell (Wales), 67-66—all in favor of Leonard.*

**Q** Can relatives (brothers, father-son) fight in the ring?

*—WILLIAM LYNAUGH*
*St. Paul, Minn.*

**A** *No rule against it.*

**Q** Please print the pro record of Rahaman Ali, Muhammad's brother.

*—ANDREW H. RODGERS*
*Edinburgh, Scotland*

**A** *RAHAMAN ALI*
*(Rudolph Valentino Clay)*
*1964*
*Feb. 25—Chip Johnson, Miami Beach . . . . . W 4*
*1965*
*Apr. 28—Levi Forte, Miami Beach . . . . . W 10*
*May 25—Buster Reed, Lewiston, Me. . . . . KO 2*
*1966–1969*
*(Inactive)*
*1970*
*Aug. 12—Tommy Howard, Miami Beach . . . . . W 10*
*Oct. 26—Hurricane Grant, Atlanta . . . . . KO 3*
*Dec. 7—Howard Darlington, New York . . . . . W 4*
*1971*
*Mar. 8—Dan McAlinden, New York . . . . . L 6*
*Apr. 30—Carl Baker, Port of Spain . . . . . W 10*
*Sept. 13—Larry Beilfuss, Milwaukee . . . . . KO 2*
*Oct. 27—Harold Carter, Chicago . . . . . KO 3*
*Dec. 16—Joe Byrd, Kalamazoo . . . . . KO 4*
*1972*
*Jan. 22—Jasper Evans, Denver . . D 10*
*May 8—Cookie Wallace, Niles . . . L 10*
*Sept. 14—Jack O'Halloran, San Diego . . . . . KO by 8*

**Q** Is former world bantamweight champion Abe Goldstein alive?

*—ERIC LEIFFEL*
*Duluth, Minn.*

**A** *Abe died in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 12, 1977.*

**Q** What was Cleveland Williams' nickname?

*—GREGORY BURR*

**A** *The Big Cat.*

**Q** I know the New York State Commission recognized a "junior bantamweight" title in the 1920s. Were any champs crowned at that weight (115) at that time?

*—PETER RATZER*

**A** *None, according to our records.*

**Q** Who was the referee in Buffalo who worked a lot of Charley Murray's shows back in the early twenties?

*—MAX GREENBERG*

**A** *Dick Nugent.*

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# VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

## BY CHARLIE SPINA

THE RECENT TV MOVIE "DEMPSEY" WAS aired on September, 28, 1983. Here is some data on the "Dempsey" story: Clay Hodges, who portrays Jess Willard, is the former professional heavyweight of the '70s who defeated Jimmy Young; Wally Rose, who was listed in the cast, is the brother of the late Charley Phil Rosenberg former world's bantamweight champion; Noble "Kid" Chissell is one of the cornermen and manager of George Copelin who fights Dempsey in the film December, circa 1915; Mickey "Golden" Goldberg, former Brooklyn amateur boxer of the '30s, can be spotted in every round chewing on cotton swabs as the cornerman of Dempsey in the Tunney fight. The oddity of the "Dempsey" film is that Al Silvani, is working as cornerman for Tunney. In fact, Silvani trained Treat Williams, who played Dempsey, in preparation for the picture at Frankie Goodman's Van Nuys, California gymnasium. Billy Grup's New York gymnasium, where Dempsey trained, was filmed in the Los Angeles Main Street Gym. Both Dempsey vs. Tunney fights were filmed at the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium. Timothy Patrick Aloisious O'Sullivan, California sports announcer and one-time publicist for the late Sam Taub's weekly radio sports show "Hour of Champions," plays the part of a spectator in the "Dempsey" movie. The Dempsey vs. Willard fight was filmed at Cal-State, North Campus formerly Devonshire Downs Northridge, California. And Jimmy Lennon, world renowned fight announcer, portrays the immortal ring announcer Joe Humphreys...

On Sept. 24, 1983, a testimonial to the late Jack Dempsey was held at the Palm Terrace in Los Angeles, Cal., sponsored by the International Shrine for Boxing as a fund raiser banquet to finance a star on the great Hollywood Blvd. "Walk of Fame." Many guests, including show and sport stars, were in attendance. A name never to be forgotten, JACK DEMPSEY was big time in Hollywood in the roaring '20s. The showman's showman, he was a humble link between hero and fan. As an actor, Dempsey's movie credits included *Daredevil Jack, All Good Marines, Fight and Win, Win, Lose or Draw, Winning His Way, Idol of Millions, Manhattan Madness, The Big Fight* and *Prizefighter and the Lady.* Dempsey, who contributed greatly to Hollywood's "Golden Age," numbered among his close friends and associates the likes of Charlie Chaplin, Lon Chaney, Douglas Fairbanks, Tom Mix, and Rudolph Valentino. The mayor of Los Angeles, the honorable Tom Bradley, proclaimed and adopted a resolution, designating the week of September 24-30 1983 as "Jack Dempsey Week," honoring the great Manassa Mauler, in the hope that this will boost the drive to win a Star for the late Jack Dempsey, a true ring and star of stage, screen and radio, on the "Walk of Fame."...

On Sept. 23, 24, 25, 1983. The International Veteran Boxers Association held their annual convention, dedicated to the former world's heavyweight champion the late Jack Dempsey, at the Friar Tuck Resort, in Catskill, New York. ... Emanual Steward, Harry Jeffra, Pete Marsillo, Buddy Ey, Dom De Ciantis, Jackie Stewart and Louis Speziali as well as many veteran rings throughout the country were in attendance at this wonderful convention which was hosted by the Board of Directors of the IVBA, Irv Silverman Chairman and Scoop Gallello Co-Chairman ... On Sept. 7, 1983 WBA Lightweight champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini was made an honorary member of the Longshoremen and Teamsters Union in New York ... Mancini, of Youngstown, Ohio, a blue collar hero of the American working man was inducted by President John Bowers of the ILA Local 814 and Danny Kapilow, President of Teamsters Local 966. Both presidents, along with their delegations, inducted Ray as an honorary member at Pier II, South Street, N.Y., where he was working out in preparation for his then up-and-coming title fight with Orlando Romero—which is history now. Ray was delighted to receive his button and to become the youngest honorary member of both unions...

Recently at the New Garden Gym in New York city I ran into two former Latino's from Brazil: Former two-time world champion Eder Jofre and Raymundo Diaz, ex-lightweight of Brazil. In our conversation I learned that Jofre is now a supervisor with the "Secretoria Municipal De Esportes" (SEME) and stages bouts twice a month in the city of Sao Paulo. Diaz, is now living in New York and is a fight manager ... Tony Janiro, former welter and middleweight contender of the '40s is seriously ill and is a patient at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in N.Y.C. It would be nice for some of his friends to drop him a get well card. "God Speed Tony"...

Rest in peace ... Jock Leslie, 59, who challenged Willie Pep for the featherweight title and lost on a 12th round KO on Aug. 22 1947, recently died in Flint, Michigan, after a long illness. He had a 58-14-4 record. Rest in Peace ... Giovanni Salerno, 79, known as the "Battling Peach" during his 80-win-and-10-loss career as a professional bantamweight boxer, died on Sept. 22, 1983, in the Jersey City Medical Center. Known for his hard right hand, Salerno kayoed his first 14 opponents. Trained by Charley Goldman and managed by Al Weill, he beat such greats of his era as Vic Burrone, Jack Sharkey, Spencer Gardner and Joe Souza. In 1926 he fought number-one contender Bushy Graham for the right to fight the champion. He lost in a 12-round split decision. In later years he became a baker, specializing in Italian pastries and was the chief baker for the Excell Restaurant in Jersey City for 35 years. Rest in Peace ... Nick Latsios, former welterweight from Washington D.C., who was ranked number 7 in his prime and who lost a split decision to Henry Armstrong, recently passed away. He was known as the "Golden Greek" in the 1940s. Rest In Peace ... Harry Cerbie, 86, who fought under the name of Jackie McCoy in the 20s, died on Oct. 5, 1983 in Riverside Hospital Secaucus, N.J. Considered one of the best of the lightweights in the east, McCoy fought in the old Madison Square Garden and Polo Grounds and beat Harry Stanford in the first fight in Hackensack Armory, Rest in Peace...

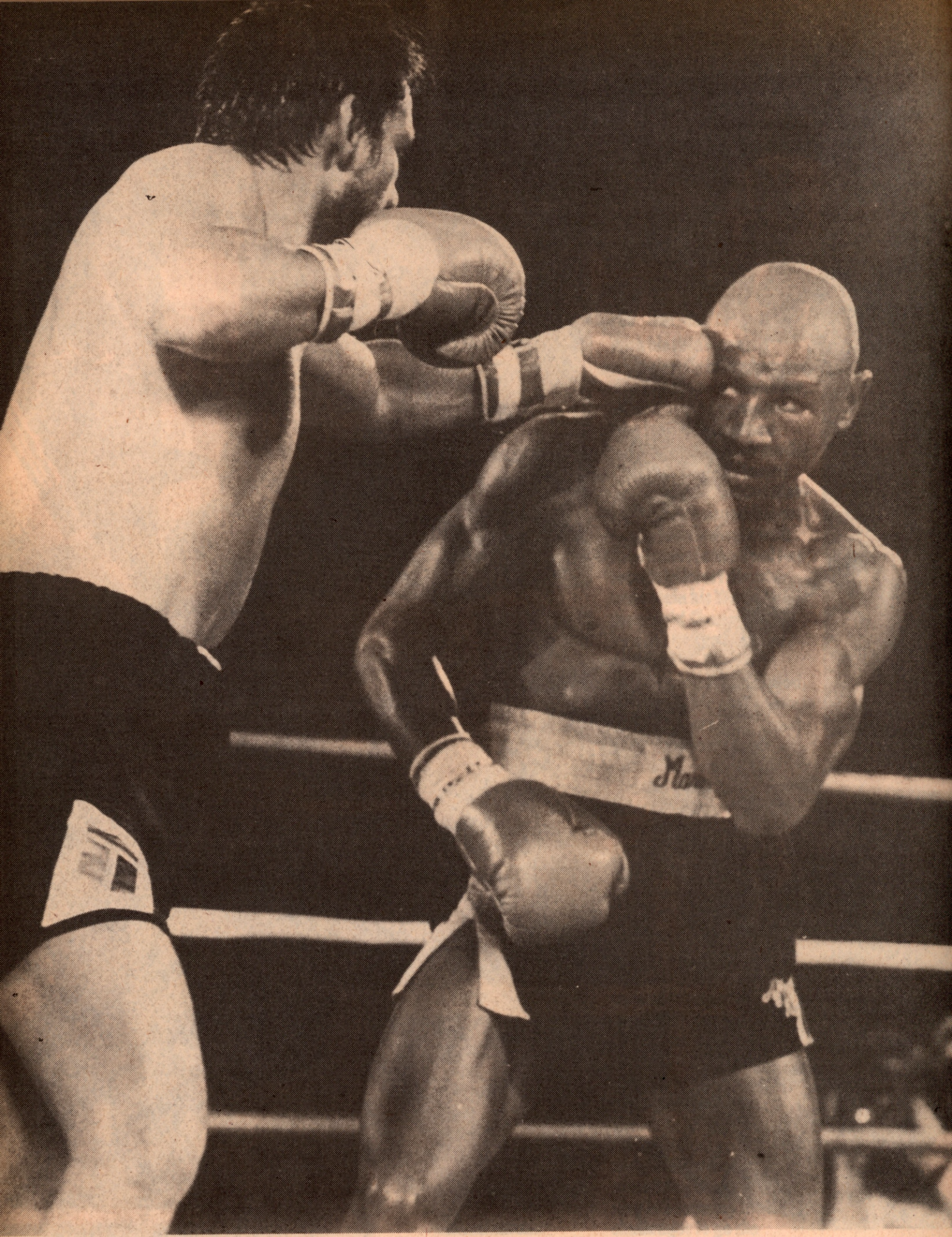
PHOTOS BY JACK GOODMAN

# HAGLER BEATS DURAN IN LAS VEGAS

**With his title hanging precariously in the hands of three judges—a Canadian, a Dane and a Japanese—who for 13 rounds had been marking (their cards) to the beat of a different drummer, Marvelous Marvin Hagler banged Roberto Duran convincingly with both hands in the final two rounds to avert disaster and retain his World Middleweight Championship by a narrow unanimous decision.**

**Hagler's well-executed, championship performance at the Caesars Palace, Las Vegas outdoor pavilion would have earned accolades had it been turned in by any other fighter in the world. But for the 29-year-old champion, who entered the ring a 3⅓-1 favorite over the 32-year-old Panamanian challenger, the 15-round victory did not add to the reputation that he has earned in recent years as one of the greatest fighters in middleweight history. It was Marvin's eighth defense of the title he won by knocking out Alan Minter in 1980 but Duran, the WBA junior middleweight champion achieved something of a moral victory in becoming the first challenger to go the**

Marvelous



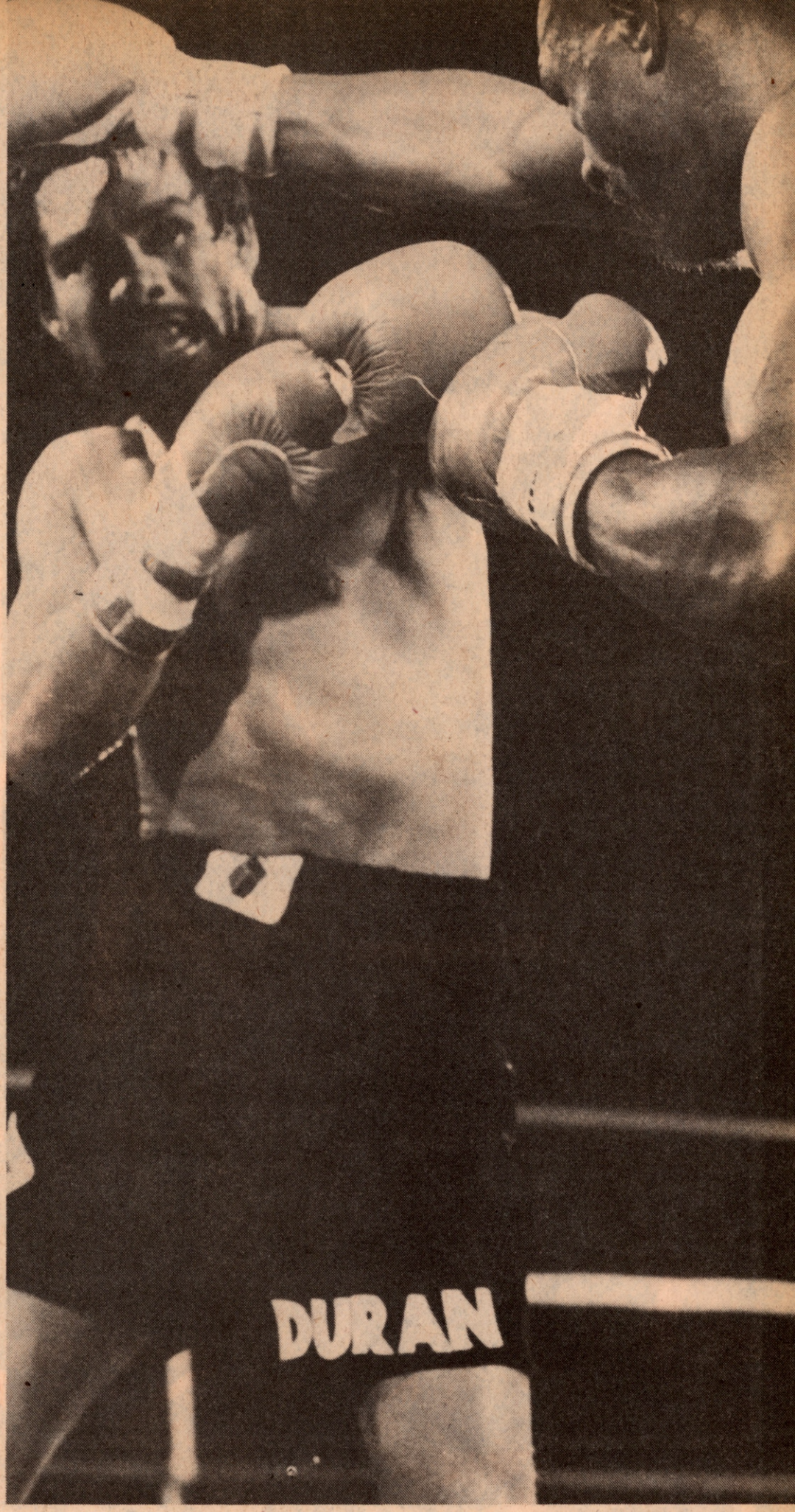
distance with Hagler. At no point did either fighter appear seriously hurt. While Duran absorbed more punches, and harder punches, it was Hagler who suffered a slight cut over the left eye in the 14th round.

Duran, the former lightweight and welterweight champion failed in his quest to become the first fighter ever to win world titles in four weight classes, but his spirit was unbroken and he remained defiant to the end. "I hurt him good," said Roberto. Hagler didn't do anything special. I want a rematch. He's a lucky champion."

"Give him credit," said Hagler. "He fought a good fight. But give me credit. I won. And I'm not saying I won't knock him out next time."

Hagler took a few rounds to figure out the best way to fight the charging Duran, but from the fourth round on he assumed control. Fighting out of his usual, southpaw stance, Hagler, who had weighed in at a light 157½ connected sharply with his right hook to Roberto's head. Duran, 156½, tried to force the action in close but he was thwarted by the champion's left uppercut.

In the sixth round Hagler shifted to a right-hander's stance after Duran seemed to stagger from a straight left. Often, as against Tony Sibson in Worcester, Mass. last February, the switch in stance prefaces a Hagler knockout combination. But Duran, who was hampered by an 8-inch reach disadvantage, stood toe-to-toe with the bigger, more powerful champion and weathered the round.

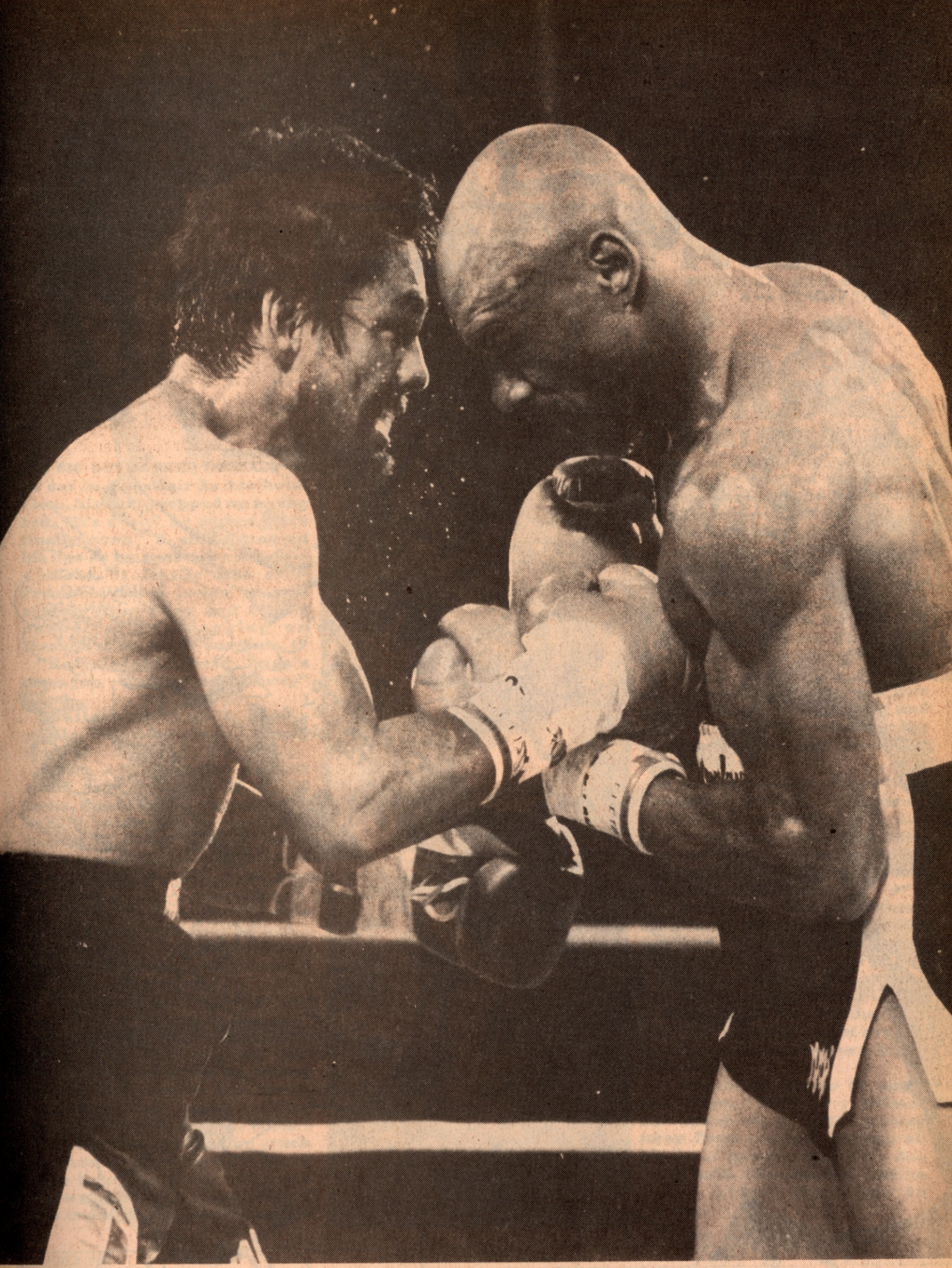


It was not until the 12th round that Duran was able to effectively force the action. Roberto connected with a couple of good combinations that raised a swelling over Marvin's left eye. The champion had some more trouble with Duran's right lead in round 13.

Though few would have guessed it then, after 13 rounds Duran was winning the fight according to the judges. But Hagler, who had said earlier that he didn't trust the impartiality of WBA judges in a fight involving Duran, battered Roberto about the ring for the final two frames. In the 15th round, Marvin was clearly going for the knockout. But while Duran took a pummelling in the corner, his iron jaw never gave way.

At the bell Duran and his manager, Luis Spada raised their arms in victory, and Duran waved derisively at the champion. Hagler, too, raised his hands and waited nervously for the decision, the closeness of which surprised everyone. Judge Guy Jutras of Canada, who was replaced by South African Stanley Christodoulou for the more prestigious refereeing assignment, scored the fight 144-142 for Hagler. Ove Oveson of Denmark had it 144-143; and Yusaku Yoshida of Japan, in keeping with his country's tradition, scored six rounds even and came up with a tally of 146-145 to make the decision unanimous.

It was a good, tactical fight and it left Roberto Duran wanting more. "I got tired at the end, but next time I'll beat him"



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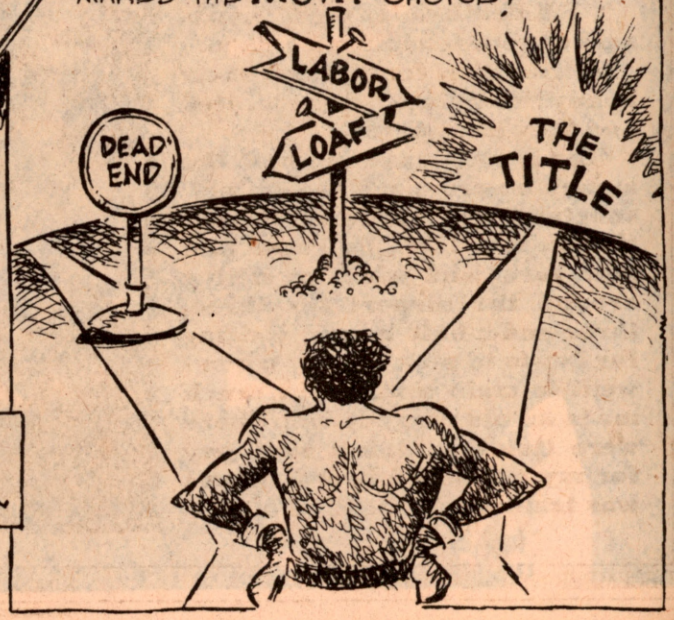


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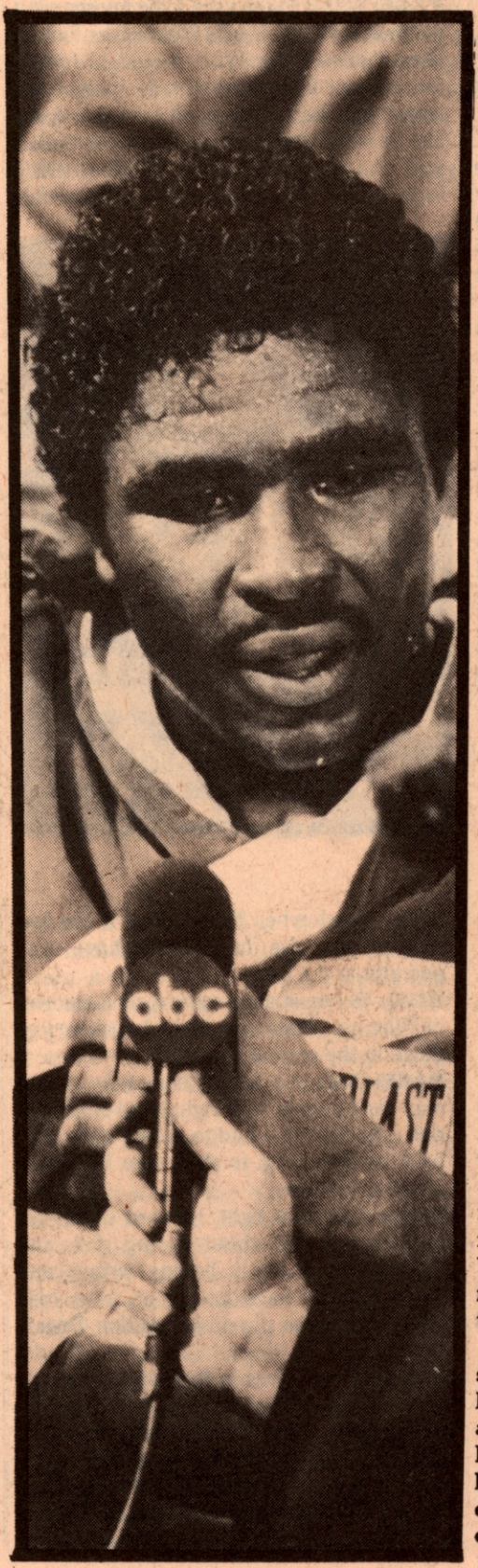
# 'Larry Holmes Is Terrified Of Me.' GREG PAGE AT LARGE

BY RANDY GORDON




**THE BIG GUY LOOKED RELAXED AS he sat in the chair in his hotel room, his feet propped up on the bed. "It's over," he sighed. "It's finally over." A smile crossed his lips as he spoke the words.**

**Indeed, it finally *was* over. Promoter Butch Lewis' lawsuit against Greg Page had finally ended, after dragging on through most of the summer.**

**"Hallelujah!" said Page's manager, Wellington "Boney" Guest.**

**"Hallelujah!" said Page's public relations man, Sonny Griffin.**

**After an amateur career which saw him win 90 of 101 bouts, Page turned professional in 1979, under the promotional banner of Butch Lewis Promotions, Inc. At the time, Lewis had said his bond with Page was timeless.**

**" 'Till death do us part," Lewis said of relationship with Page.**

**In less than four years, their happy "marriage" deteriorated and they had parted.**

**"Lewis only gave me half the money he promised to pay me," snorted Page. "There were other things, too. Like, I'd come into New York, and wind up sitting around the airport for three, three-and-a-half hours, waiting for Lewis to pick me up. When I went to train upstate, he stuck me in an old raggedy van. There were times he didn't even pay for my room and board when I was training. What kind of promoter is that? He was cute, though. He spotted me when I was an amateur, and knew then that I had the talent to go all the way. He actually came to my high school graduation. Boy!, do I regret meeting him."**

**With the out-of-court settlement, for which Lewis accepted a reported $250,000 from Page's new promoter, Don King, plus $250,000 for each of Page's titles defenses—should he become champion—Page now feels like doing nothing but training and concentrating on winning the world's heavyweight championship.**

**In his most recent effort, Page stopped hopelessly outgunned Rick Keller on ESPN's "Saturday Night At The Fights" series, perhaps the most dreadful mismatch ever seen on that network in a main event.**

**"I don't pick the opponents," said Page defensively, to *RING*'s Associate Editor, Randy Gordon. "I just fight 'em!"**

**With a 23-1 (18 knockouts) record, Page is beginning to feel frustrated as he watches the WBC crown being fought over by men he feels are undeserving of title shots.**

**"I should be champ by now," said Page, "but Larry Holmes has spent all of 1983 running away from me and playing all kinds of games. But, like Joe Louis said, 'He can run, but he can't hide.' My time is coming...."**

**RING:** Do you think Larry Holmes is afraid of you?

**PAGE:** No, I don't. I think he's terrified!

**RING:** You're the number one contender, according to the WBC. That makes you a mandatory challenger for Holmes' title. If he doesn't fight you, isn't it only right for Jose Sulaiman and the WBC to strip him of the title?

**PAGE:** They should. They're supposed to. They strip everybody else.

**RING:** If you were Sulaiman, would you strip him?

**PAGE:** (Momentary pause) Hmmm... Well, if he doesn't do what he is supposed to do, then, yeh, I'd strip him. If the rules say he's got to fight me, then, well, he's got to fight me. Who is he to think he can go breaking rules? If you break rules, you gotta pay the price...

**RING:** Why do you think Holmes has chosen to defy WBC edicts and fight Scott Frank and Marvis Frazier?

**PAGE:** Sounds to me like he's afraid. I think his courage is gone. He's got no confidence left. He don't want to fight me for any amount of money in the world. He's got a yellow streak that runs right down the middle of his back. There are some people who might consider him to be the world heavyweight champion. But I'm *not* one of those people. A champion fights everybody. A champion is not afraid of anybody. Larry Holmes is a yellow dog who is shaking at the thought of having to fight me. He'd rather retire than fight me.

**RING:** Honestly, do you think you'll ever get him in the ring?

**PAGE:** Nope! He kept telling me he'd fight me in February or March of '84. We told Sulaiman that Holmes should put up $100,000, and if he didn't fight me, I get to keep the $100,000. Of course, he didn't put up the money.

**RING:** Why should Holmes have to put up $100,000?

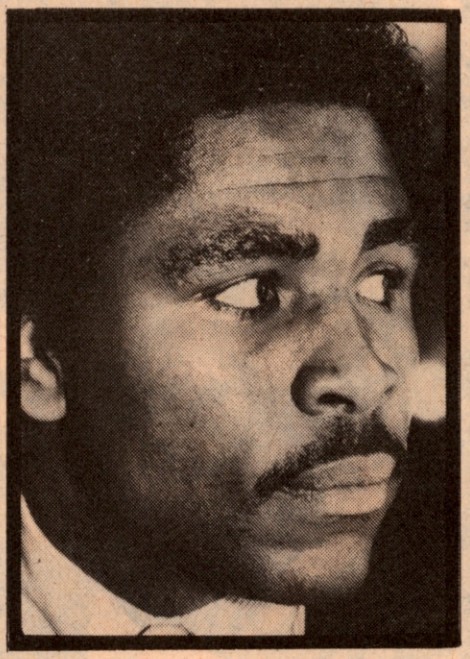
**PAGE:** Because I'm the number one contender. He told me he'd fight me. He *has* to fight me. If he puts the money up and then signs to fight me, he gets his $100,000 back. He'll make a lot more than that fighting me. But he's not gonna fight me... He'll retire first.

**RING:** And then you, as leading contender, will fight the number two contender for the championship?

**PAGE:** I already fought in an elimination bout, remember? The WBC called it such. It was last May 20th, against Renaldo Snipes (Ed. note: Page won a 12-round unanimous decision against Snipes on the Holmes-Tim Witherspoon undercard). If Holmes retires without fighting me, I don't think it would be unreasonable for the WBC to make me champion. When Ken Norton fought Jimmy Young and Norton won, Norton became champion after the WBC stripped Spinks of the title. Sure, the WBC should make me champion. Then, I'll make my first defense of the title against the leading available contender. I guess that would be Tim Witherspoon.

**RING:** What do you think of Tim Witherspoon as a fighter?

**PAGE:** Witherspoon used to be my sparring partner. When he fought Holmes, he looked like a million bucks. When he fought Jumbo Cummings a few weeks later, he looked like something the cat dragged in. He trained like he was doing people a favor. He looked just like his nickname—"Terrible." He's lucky he was able to catch (Quick) Tillis with



a hard punch when Tillis slipped in the first round. Otherwise, he wouldn't have stopped him in the first.

**RING:** You must have some fond memories of Tillis, especially one of him knocking you down in the second round.

**PAGE:** Don't ever let someone tell you that man can't punch. That right hand of his carries a lot of kick. I had to get up and come back really strong, to show him he wasn't about to beat me.

**RING:** After that fight, Howard Cosell got on your case about being fat and overweight. A lot of boxing writers and commentators have gotten on your case lately about your physical condition. Does it bother you?

**PAGE:** Yes, it does bother me. I train as hard as any fighter out there. I'm inviting you to one of my training camps to watch me prepare for a fight. Watch me for a week and tell me if you don't think I train hard. Tell everybody what you think. I know you'll be impressed. I get mad because all you writers are partial. It seems you only talk about me. Not one time did I read in a newspaper or magazine—not one time—that when Larry Holmes fought Lucien Rodriguez, Larry looked like the Goodyear Blimp. I looked everywhere, and didn't see one article that called him "fat," "obese," "overweight" or whatever. When he fought Scott Frank, he was even fatter, and yet, nobody called him "fat." From now on—and I'm going to take this opportunity to say this—I no longer care what I weigh the day of a fight. I am not going to get upset when some boxing writer, who hasn't worked out a day in his life and has more fat on him than there is on a pig farm, calls me "fat." I'm just going to train hard for every fight, and whatever the scale says, that's okay with me. You sportswriters are through getting me upset.

**RING:** Ironically, the lowest you ever weighed for a fight was 221, against Trevor Berbick, and you lost that fight. There are reports you broke your right hand in that fight. Are those reports true?

**PAGE:** They're true... It was in the second round that I hit him on the top of his head and broke my right hand over here (he points to the base of his thumb). Berbick hit me harder than I've ever been hit. He caught me thinking and wondering about my right hand. He caught me napping.

**RING:** The Berbick fight showed a lot about you. So did the Tillis fight. You were hurt bad in both fights and came back very strong, winning one of them.

**PAGE:** Had my hand not been broken against Berbick, I would have won that, too. I made him look like a great fighter that day. But, I agree with you... Those fights showed a lot about me. I have a real fighting. I want to win real bad. People don't know that yet. They will, though... They will. I'm gonna be champ in 1984. Now that my lawsuit against Butch Lewis is over, I have a real clear head. I feel better than I ever felt.

**RING:** What would have happened had Butch Lewis won not only monetary damages from you and Don King, but personal services as well? What would have happened had the judge ruled that you are obligated to fight only for Lewis?

**PAGE:** I would have quit boxing! I would have packed it in and taken a job in a sawmill or something. I would have done anything but fight for Lewis.

**RING:** You're joking, aren't you?

**PAGE:** I've never been more serious in my life. If I was told by the courts that I could only fight for Butch Lewis, I would have found another line of work to do. Missing out on the big money wouldn't have

**RING:** What was the run-in about at the "Crown Affair" press conference?

**PAGE:** Well, Holmes was sitting near me

bothered me. I would rather live a quiet life without Lewis than live one in luxury with him as my promoter. I want nothing to do with him.

**RING:** Do you feel an obligation to Don King?

**PAGE:** I sure do. Don believed in me enough to stick by me during the court proceedings. He kept telling me, "We'll make it." Well, it's over now, and we did make it. I fight for Don King Productions now. We have a business relationship that's gonna take me to the heavyweight championship in the next few months.

**RING:** The thought of you fighting Holmes is an interesting one.... Talk us through a fight against Holmes.

**PAGE:** The world hasn't seen the best of Greg Page yet. I've had too many problems—physical, mental and professional—to dedicate myself 100 per cent to boxing. The problems with Lewis... My broken hand... The death of my dad. His death really jolted me. We were really close, and I didn't even want to go on. But I've got my life where I want it now, and nothing's gonna stop me. Against me, Holmes is in some real, serious trouble. I can box. I can slug. I can fight while moving in or I can fight while moving back. I have two good hands. I can fight while moving in either direction. Larry is very limited. I'll fight him southpaw. That's no joke. I can fight southpaw. He's never fought a southpaw. Check his record. He wouldn't know what to do. I can fight him for 15 rounds southpaw. That's because I *am* a southpaw. I was taught to box from the orthodox stance, however.

**RING:** That explains why your jab is so hard. Why is it you're not hiding the fact that you are a converted southpaw and a guy like Gerry Cooney always skirts the issue?

**PAGE:** Because Cooney can't punch with his right. For years, he and his people kept trying to tell everybody how good his right was. When Cooney fought Holmes, we found out just how good his right really is. He doesn't have much of a right. His secret is out. Cooney is a one-handed fighter. I've got two good hands. If Cooney can come back and beat a few guys whose bodies haven't been exhumed, then I think we can get it on. But that's *after* I beat Holmes.

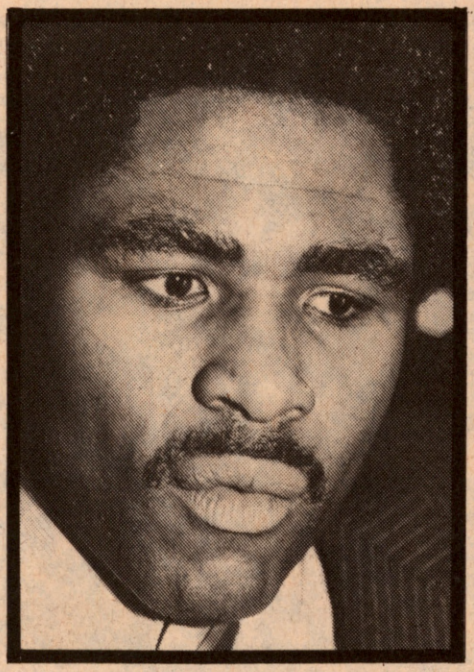
**RING:** We got off the track... Get us back in the ring, you against Larry Holmes.

**PAGE:** Okay, we're in there fighting... I'm boxing him southpaw. I'm gonna tell you something you may not know... Larry cannot go to his left. Cannot! Everybody he hits has to be moving towards his right. I'm telling you! Larry has two left feet. The first time he goes to throw that right hand, I'm gonna kill him. I'll just keep moving to my right. It might be the easiest fight I've ever had. I'll switch. I'll go back and forth, southpaw to righthanded. Larry won't know what to do. Also, Larry has never fought a man who can outjab him.

**RING:** Would you be cruel to him if you had the opportunity?

**PAGE:** Cruel? I'm gonna toy with him, play with him before I knock him out! What took the cake, what put the icing on the cake, put the cake in the box and wrapped it all up was something that happened in Don King's office in August... Larry gave me this long sob story that black people should stick together. I just looked at him in amazement. He'll do anything not to fight me.

**RING:** When did you first meet Larry Holmes?



**PAGE:** It was back when I first turned pro. We met in Las Vegas. Larry was shooting craps. A whole bunch of people were standing around getting his autograph, when I got this cute idea to give him my autograph. I wrote "Future World Champion" on it. Larry gave me this dirty look. It's been that way ever since.

**RING:** What about the recent run-in you had with him?

**PAGE:** It was at the "Crown Affair" press conference back around April. We had some bitter words. But the whole thing actually goes back to when he defended his title against Leon Spinks in Detroit and I fought on the undercard. A few days before the fight, he was playing these electronic games in an arcade with his brothers. They paid the guards to chase everybody out. I went over to him, but him and his goons wouldn't let anybody in. Later, I saw him and said, "Hey, man, you're an a--hole!" I would never do anything like that, even if I had the money to do it. That's selfish.

the day before the "Crown Affair" press conference at another press luncheon. A reporter interviewed me and asked when I would be getting a title shot. I said, "You got the champ right here. Ask him. He'll be able to tell you." Well, Larry's head got all bent out of shape. He went crazy as if the reporter was not supposed to ask him that. Now, the following day, I ran into Holmes again. As I was walking into the press conference, I saw Larry. I said "hello" to him. He said, "If you keep talking about me, I'm gonna get you rubbed out!" I just looked at him and said to myself, "This guy's crazy," and walked away. Later, a photographer asked if he could get a picture of Larry and I together. Larry looked at me and said, "Screw you! Get away from me!" I said, "Screw you! Who the hell do you think you're talking to? I'll kick your ass!" I don't like him even one little bit.

**RING:** Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier always feigned a hate for each other. You don't really dislike Larry, do you?

**PAGE:** I do not like Larry Holmes. In case you missed it, let me repeat that... I do not like Larry Holmes.

**RING:** Every champion invariably gets compared to the champion before him. Should you win the title from Holmes or win the title after he has been stripped, do you think there will be comparisons between you?

**PAGE:** You can't compare me to Larry. He hasn't done anything or acted in any way that invites comparison. Boxing will be better without him.

**RING:** Do you think winning a championship will affect you either positively or negatively?

**PAGE:** It won't affect me in any way, other than make me lots of money. But right now I do lots of volunteer work with kids. I work with the blind kids who compete in the blind Olympics. Every year I do that. I think the fans will really be able to relate to me when I'm champ.

**RING:** Do you think fans will be able to relate to Gerrie Coetzee?

**PAGE:** Sure. The heavyweight division has long been after a white champion. Jerry Quarry... Duane Bobick... Gerry Cooney... They all failed after each getting a big buildup. Now there is a white heavyweight champion. I think he's going to be very popular, though to me, it doesn't matter what color a man is.

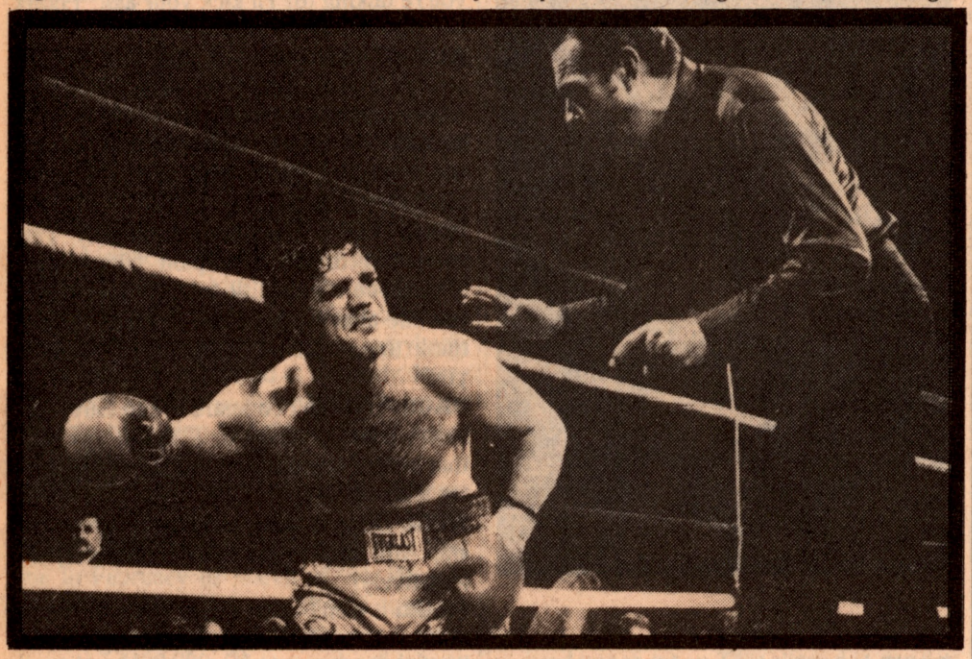
**RING:** In closing, is there anything Greg Page hopes for or wants more than anything in the world?

**PAGE:** Yes, two things. One is the world heavyweight championship. You have no idea how much I want that title. The other thing is a meeting I would like to take place. It is a meeting between Larry Holmes' face and my fists!

# WILL HOLMES' SUCCESSOR PLEASE STAND UP

BY GEORGE KIMBALL

IF IT WERE THE NFL, ALVIN ROZELLE would call it "parity"—you know, on any given Sunday, or, for that matter, Thursday or Friday or Saturday, any heavyweight contender can whip the pants off any other heavyweight contender. Ergo, the game is competitive; Ergo, it must be interesting.



It *might* be. But, in the words of the Brothers Gershwin, it ain't necessarily so.

As we watch Larry Holmes wind down toward the end of his illustrious career on a not-too-threatening diet of Lucien Rodriguezes, Scott Franks, and Marvis Fraziers, we find ourselves overwhelmed by the stunning mediocrity of the rest of the heavyweight division. Who is Holmes' logical successor? Who, for that matter, deserved a title shot more than the untested Marvis Frazier?

Greg Page's lawyer Bruce Miller insists that it is his client, as does the World Boxing Council. That presumption, however, would raise eyebrows among those who saw Trevor Berbick make Page look foolish in their 1982 bout in Las Vegas. There was a subsequent claim that Page had a broken hand; if so, it wasn't the one he eats with.

Despite Page's talents, he has exhibited a proclivity for coming up to fights out of shape and, once he gets there, delivering a performance that is often sluggish and uninspired. Greg, in fact, hasn't displayed much flair or passion in the ring since he beat Scott LeDoux half to death in Nassau in 1981—and then the fires had been stoked for him when, a few hours before the bout, LeDoux spit a mouthful of Coca-Cola all over Page's brother's face in a Paradise Island hotel elevator.

In any event, Page got beat by Berbick, who lost to Renaldo Snipes, who just got whipped by Alfredo Evangelista, who lost to Rodriguez their last time out. And Lucien, God help him, once got beaten by somebody named Ngozika Ekwelum...

Michael ("Things go better with Coke") Dokes was supposed to be the answer until he ran into the bionic hand of Gerrie Coetzee. Despite a string of curious and unimpressive fights—Ocasio, Cobb, and Weaver II, to name a few—Dokes was generally conceded to be the *heir apparent*—until he tangled with the South African. While the loss didn't eliminate Dokes as a force in the division, it did serve to put him squarely back in the same pack with everybody else.

And what *about* Coetzee, the newly-crowned WBA champ whose right hand has had more operations than Liz Taylor has had husbands? Heavens, he got licked by John Tate. And Tate, he of the fragile chin and the twitching foot, lost to Mike Weaver and Berbick in the same year. Weaver was knocked out in one round by Dokes, who not only lost to Coetzee but drew with Ossie Ocasio, who was flattened by John L. Gardner, who lost to Jimmy Young, who lost to Earnie Shavers...

Tex Cobb and James "Quick" Tillis both beat The Acorn, but then Tillis lost to Weaver, Page, Pinklon Thomas, and Tim Witherspoon, Cobb to Dokes and to Ken Norton, who lost to Gerry Cooney, who hasn't fought in a year and a half and hasn't fought anybody under 30 since Jimmy Carter was president. I mean, even *Scott Frank* drew with Snipes, who beat Coetzee, who beat Dokes, who beat Weaver, who beat Tillis, who beat Shavers, who, once upon a time, knocked out Jimmy Ellis in one round...

Christ! Without stretching this very far at all you could probably make a case that Holmes should be fighting *Joe* Frazier instead of Marvis...

Aside from Frazier the Younger, among the current crew of heavyweight pretenders only Pinklon Thomas, Tim Witherspoon, and Gerry Cooney have not indulged in this internecine mass cannibalism. Cooney—whose inactivity has virtually eliminated him from consideration—and Witherspoon have lost to Holmes but none of the other top-tenners, mostly because they have assiduously avoided them. Ditto Thomas, whose impressive record has been amassed against a string of opponents almost as anonymous as Marvis Frazier's. But were this Gang of Four to stage a round-robin, chances are that they would join the rest of the bunch because nobody would come out of it undefeated.

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Not that this is necessarily all bad: The fact that the mediocrity is so evenly distributed makes the heavyweights one of the deeper divisions in this threadbare age of the sport. You could take just about anybody's top ten heavyweights—the WBC's, the WBA's, the WAA's, *The Ring*'s—turn the whole list upside down, and you won't get a substantial argument.

Well, maybe some: the WBA—but *not* the WBC—has young Marvis ranked in its top ten, along with Evangelista and David Bey, while the other group of *Los Banditos* headed up by Sr. Suliaman has Snipes and Rodriguez nine-ten. But are, say, Cobb-Tate-Berbick-Thomas-Dokes-Weaver-Witherspoon-Page (the reverse of the WBC's top eight) or Berbick-Tate-Dokes-Thomas-Weaver-Witherspoon-Page (seven through one on the WBA list) really that much more illogical than the other way around? Or how about Thomas-Coetzee-Witherspoon-Page-Dokes-Weaver? That is the precise reversal of the WAA's seven-through-two ranking. (Their number one spot is occupied by Holmes, who is regarded as the top contender behind the immortal Monte Masters!)

"So they can all beat each other," sighs the eminent New York *Times* boxing critic Wolfman Katz. "To my mind the heavyweights are one of the strongest divisions. Look how bad the others are."

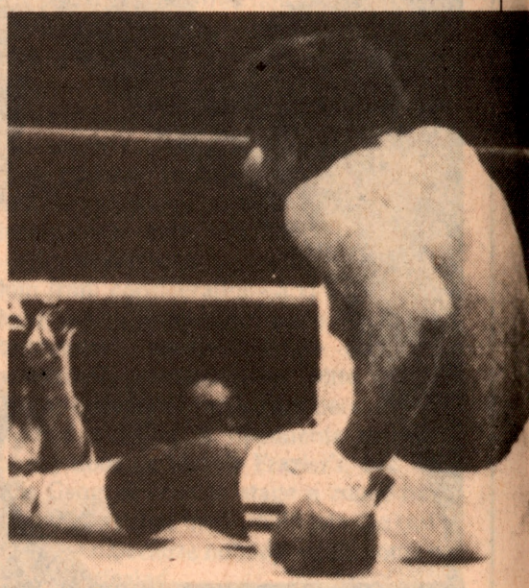
"It's happened all the time," says Angelo Dundee of the heavyweight mish-mash. "Since the days of Joe Louis it's been that way. That's what's so interesting about the heavyweights: anybody's got a shot. If a guy's got some talent, one fight can be the difference between being in action and not being in action. Nothing that ever happens with the heavyweights ever surprises me."

Despite the moans and groans from the old-timers, the present condition is hardly new to the sport. Don't forget that, for instance, Arturo Godoy, Abe Simon, Buddy Baer, Billy Conn, and Johnny Paycheck—all of whom were charter members in what was derisively known as Louis' "Bum of the Month Club"—were at the same time all legitimately ranked top-ten fighters. Some of Rocky Marciano's lesser-known opponents like Don Cockell evoke a condescending snort when his name is mentioned today, but he was considered *bona fide* contenders thirty years ago. And can Holmes putting Page *et. al.* on hold while he fights Frank and Frazier be any more egregious than Floyd Patterson's taking on the likes of Pete Rademacher and Tom McNeeley while he hid from Sonny Liston?

There is a tendency among those who remember Jurgen Blin, Al "Blue" Lewis, Richard Dunn, Chuck Wepner, and Jean-Pierre ("The Lion of Flanders") Coopman to blame Muhammed Ali for restoring this practice to respectability, but that isn't remotely fair. Before he was robbed of the prime of his career by overzealous athletic commissions, consider that in the space of just sixteen months—November 22, 1965 to March 22, 1967—Ali fought and licked Patterson, George Chuvalo, Henry Cooper, Brian London, Karl Mildenberger, Cleveland Williams, Ernie Terrell, and Zora Folley, heavyweights all ranked in the top ten (excepting London, the top *five*) of a division that was, to say the least, considerably stronger than the current one. And those guys tended to beat each other a lot too.

Still, the gulf that has separated Holmes from all the other heavyweights over the course of his five and a half-year reign makes the post-Larry era almost intriguing: it should make the mad scramble that followed Ali's first retirement look like an orderly procession. In fact, in the two decades since Ali lifted the crown from Sonny Liston in Miami no less than 14 men—not even counting Monte Masters—have claimed the heavyweight title. With two titles to divvy up now, the way things are going, the mediocrity is so evenly-distributed that there could be that many more in the next half-dozen years. Whomever has the title is going to feel just like Pac-Man—always managing to get eaten up in the end.

***A serious Greg Page demands a shot at Holmes; Top left: Page (left) beat Snipes in eliminator; Bottom right: Holmes won in a waltz over Rodriguez.***



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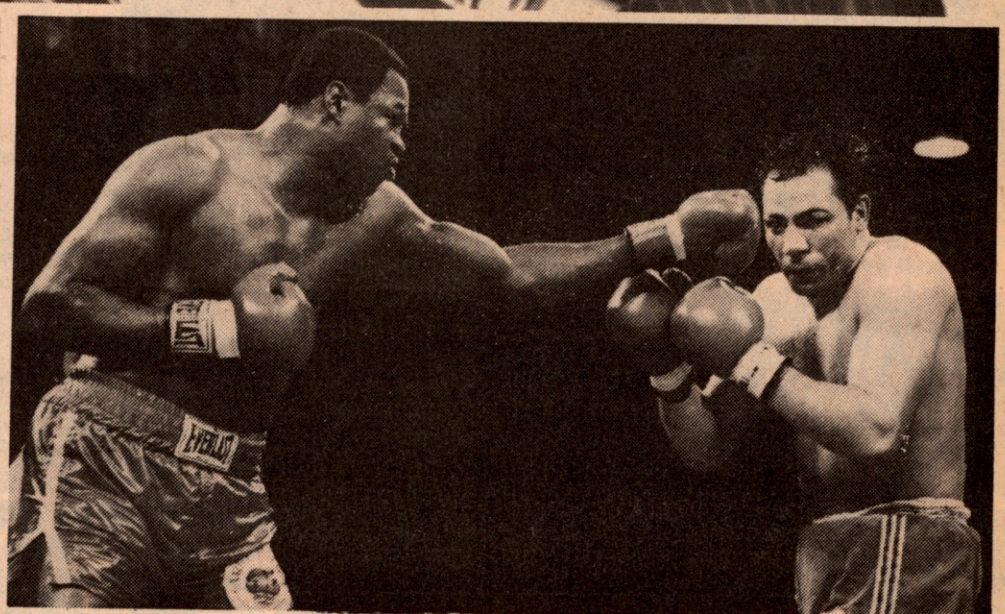
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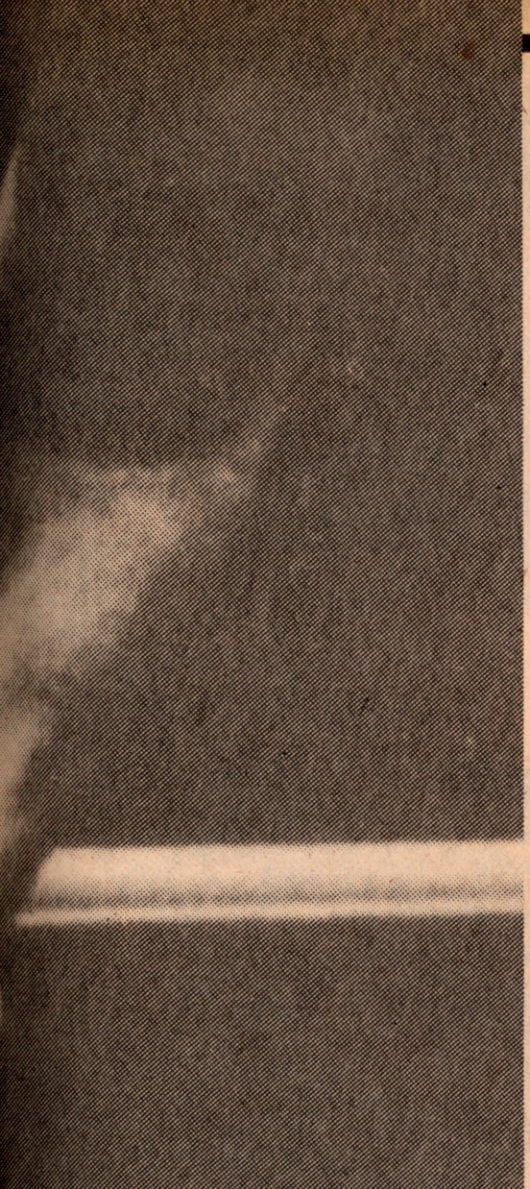


## JERRY IZENBERG

WELL, OBVIOUSLY YOU CANNOT PLEASE ALL of the people all of the time. In point of fact, the way things heat up during these little boy's games that grown men play for money, the truth is you are lucky to please some of the people some of the time.

Consequently, it is obvious that the Great Pine Tar Debate was doomed to make one side unhappy no matter how the president of the American League ruled. Unlike King Solomon, Lee MacPhail did not have the option of threatening to cut George Brett's home run in half.

This is one area where baseball is at a distinct disadvantage because, the way the game is played, rules are very important and the enforcement of those rules borders on moral judgments.

Boxing, of course, has no such problems, leading one to assume that boxing people are much smarter than baseball people because they never get bogged down in petty details. Boxing would never find itself in the situation through which baseball recently staggered. You cannot get hung up on rule interpretations if you have no rules.

There must be something to this kind of thinking because it has been generally accepted around the world. For example, shortly after World War II the British produced a series of heavyweights who made a career out of claiming that an unmentionable sin was being perpetrated against them—particularly when they fought at home against visiting Yanks.

"You all right, mate?" the referee would ask the fallen British tiger, who was rolling face down with his gloves in his crotch."

"Oooooh," the fallen gladiator would reply.

"What 'appened?" the referee would say.

" 'E 'it me in me unmentionables."

Since you can't debate something you can't mention, the British referee would immediately raise the fallen tiger's hand in triumph. Such actions prompted more than one erect American tiger to consider hitting both of them in their unmentionables.

The point is that if you want to avoid trouble, never get in a position where you are forced to rule against the home team. Baseball's strict insistence on having law, order and rules made this point a dilemma for Mr. MacPhail.

In scope, the whole pine tar debate could never find a counterpart in boxing, where the things that really count are decided merely in theory by commissions or governing bodies. It is the promoters that make the decisions that count in fact. Unlike baseball, the unwritten rule that prevails with boxing promoters is this: it matters not if you win or lose but how you protect the gate receipts.

As a case in point, there was a time when Jake LaMotta, a fighter who would not hesitate to call you every kind of ultimate unmentionable in the right set of circumstances, took to running his own fight shows. Mr. LaMotta secured a small fight club in The Bronx for that purpose.

On the night in question, he matched two neighborhood heroes who could not spell fight very well but could sure sell a lot of tickets. Since American fight promoters always have their priorities in order, once he discovered that they were constantly scuffling out in the street, he offered to let the two fight in his ring for the world's championship of Jerome Avenue.

History does not record the name of the two tigers but suffice it to say that neither paid any WBA or WBC sanction fees and obviously nobody had the guts to ask Jake for one. Consequently, like MacPhail in the Pine Tar Affair, Jake wound up as the sole decision-maker on that evening.

At any rate, he sold out the joint, which was the whole purpose in the first place. As the bell rang for round one, Tiger A walked across the ring with style and grace—to say nothing of determination—and hit Tiger B squarely in his ultimate unmentionables several times.

The referee immediately prepared to halt the fight but then a lot of people started breaking up their portable chairs and turning them into clubs, causing the referee to fear for his own ultimate unmentionables. Meanwhile, Jake began to count the house and worry about how much money he would have to return if the match were halted at that stage.

"Let 'em fight," he yelled up to the referee.

Whereupon Tiger B got to his feet and with his own style and grace—to say nothing of determination—pulled back his right hand and hit Tiger A squarely in his ultimate unmentionables.

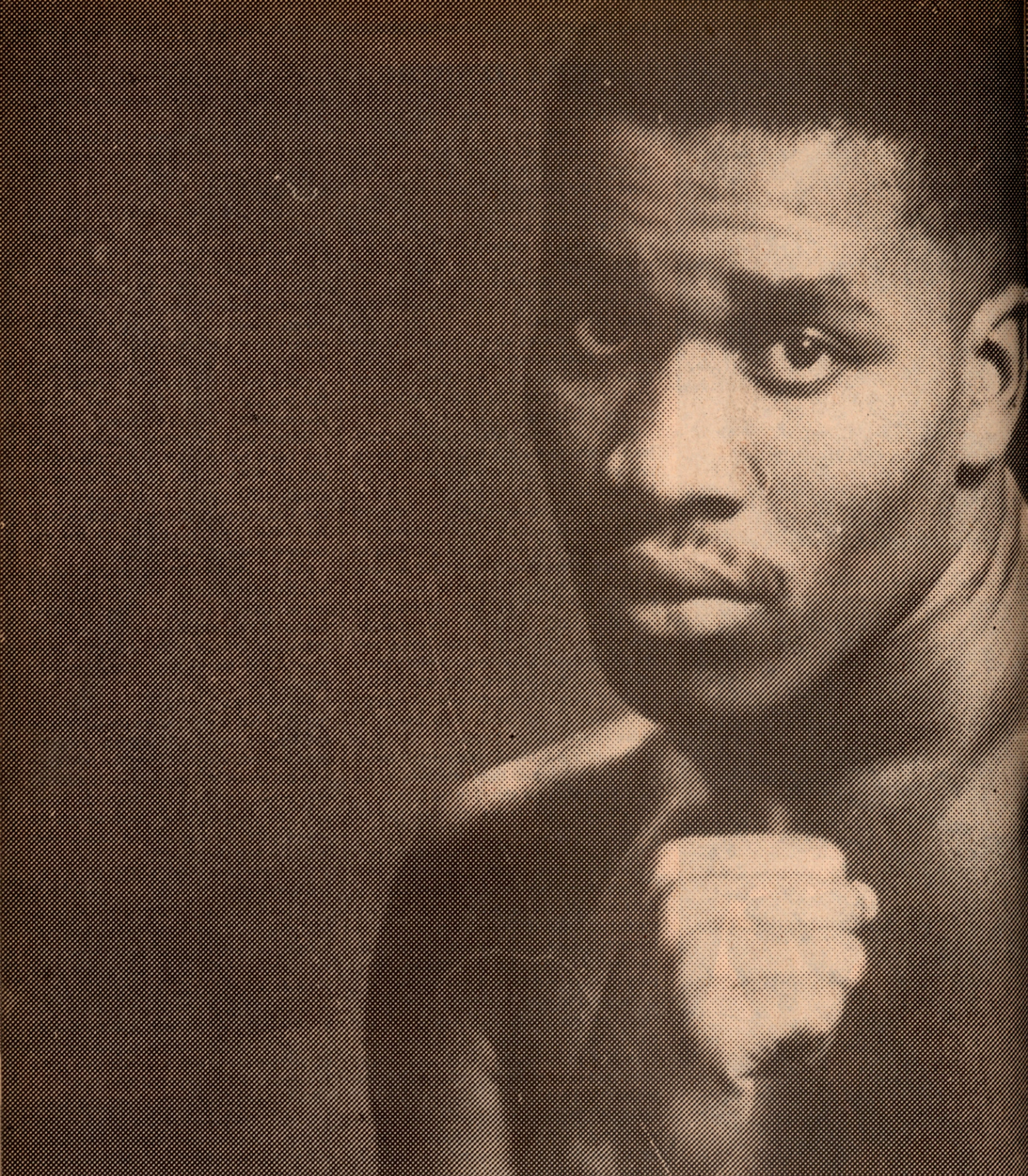
Again, unlike baseball with its box scores, history keeps sloppy records in such cases, but it was a main event so it probably was an eight-rounder, which should give you a fair idea of what happened after that.

No blows were struck above the waist. Like rival tympanists at the Newport Jazz Festival, they pounded away for 24 minutes and everybody agreed that Jake had put on a very nice affair.

Nobody asked for his money back. Nobody asked for a league ruling. You know where Jake would have hit him.

***Insert: "Phaintin'" Phil Scott does his thing against Otto Von Porat, winning via foul in the Garden, December 9, 1929. The referee is Jack Dempsey.***

# JAKE LAMOTTA'S 'UNMENTIONABLE' SHOW

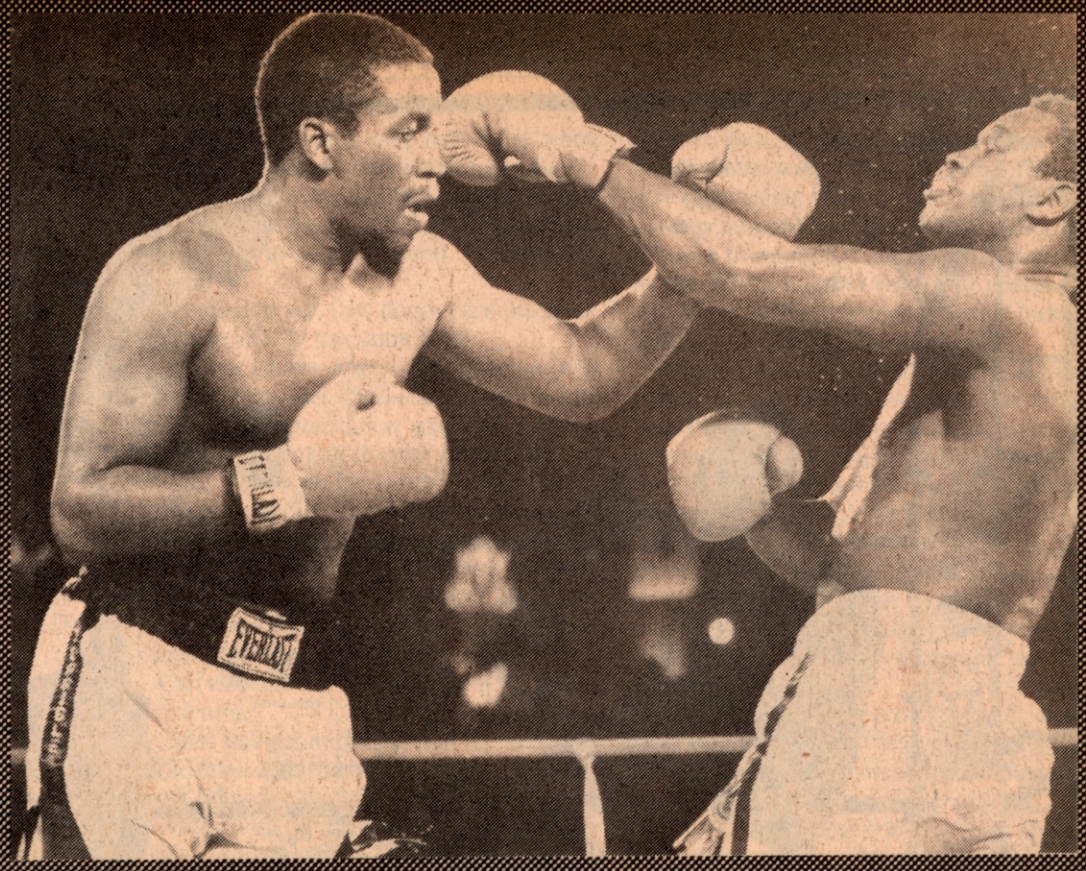


ON MAY 20, 1983, UNDER A LAS VEGAS desert moon, "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon came of age. Although a prohibitive underdog and relatively unknown, Witherspoon battled Larry Holmes to a standstill, coming closer than any of Holmes' previous challengers to winning sports' most coveted prize—the heavyweight championship of the world. And while it is true that both Earnie Shavers and Renaldo Snipes knocked Holmes down in title bouts, theirs was only a brief moment of glory. Witherspoon held his own for the entire 12 rounds, and, in the minds of many, deserved to win. But, as Lady Luck would have it, the decision, while split, was in Holmes' favor. "Terrible Tim" would have to wait until another night to win the championship—if indeed destiny dictates that to be his lot.

Witherspoon didn't always want to be a boxer. After graduating from high school, he enrolled in Lincoln University in Missouri, where he played football for a year. Unfortunately, an injury ended his football career practically before it got started.

"I caught a pass over the middle and a linebacker speared me," recalls Tim, wincing at the memory. "I thought it was a clean hit, but when I saw the replay, I realized he hit me late. The school never even sent me to get X-rays, but later, after I started boxing, I would get cramps. They X-rayed me

New NABF Heavyweight Champ Rails At Manager Carl King



# WITHERSPOON: THE 'ANGRY YOUNG MAN'

BY NIGEL COLLINS

*Above: Tim Witherspoon shows Larry Holmes just how "terrible" he really is. Page 38: Witherspoon decks Jumbo Cumming in the second round in Las Vegas, but had to settle for a unanimous decision when Jumbo got up. Page 39: "Quick" Tillis lasted just 2:10 against "Terrible Tim" on the Gerrie Coetzee-Michael Dokes bill.*

and found out I had two bent vertebra."

Following his somewhat disillusioning college experience, Witherspoon returned to his native Philadelphia where he took a job at a local hospital working in the dietary department. This in turn led him to the gym and a new avenue of expression for his athletic talents.

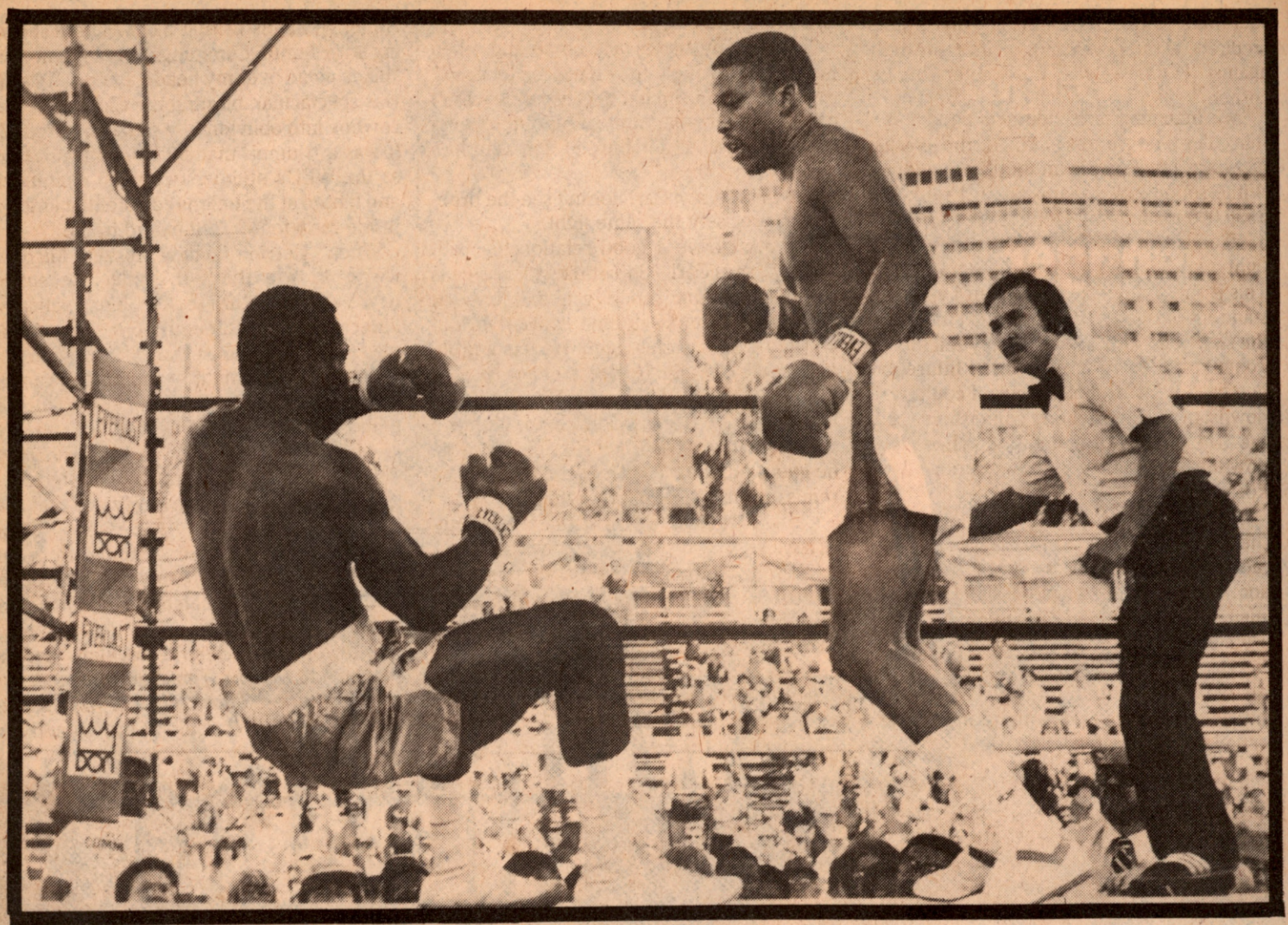
"Originally, I went to the gym just to work out. I was working in the kitchen around all that food and had to find a way to work some of it off."

Before you could say "Smokin' Joe", Tim entered the Philly Golden Gloves and was pitted against none other than Marvis Frazier, at the time the leading candidate for the 1980 Olympic Team.

"I came in the gym around August, never had a pair of gloves on before," says Tim. "The Golden Gloves were in November, I think. My trainer was old and didn't know too much. I just didn't have the ring experience to beat Marvis, but even though he knocked me down, a lot of people thought I won."

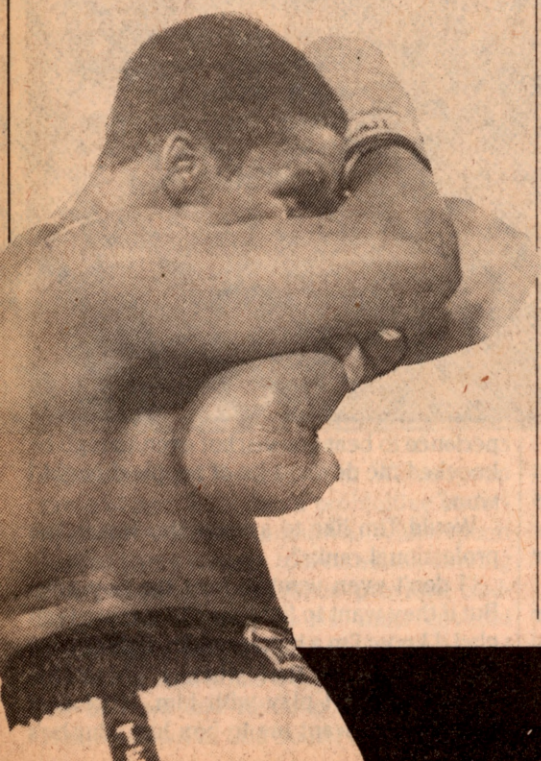
Would Tim like to avenge this loss in the professional ranks?

"I don't even want to hurt the boy now. But if they want to fight me I'll be more than glad. I know I'm a better quality fighter than Marvis. I know that when I go to Joe Frazier's gym, I play with him. His father doesn't even want me to box him. But he's



getting a title shot and a million dollars."

Witherspoon turned pro in October of 1979, building not only a winning streak, but a reputation as a sparring partner to be avoided. According to the apocryphal version of the story, it was Muhammad Ali who gave Tim his nickname after a particularly rugged gym session.



"After I sparred with Ali, he gave me the nickname "Terrible," meaning I was a bad dude," says Witherspoon, recounting the oft-told tale for the upteenth time.

All good fighters build a portfolio of yarns about their prowess in the gym. Tim is no exception. During the early part of his career, he was apparently fired from Gerry Cooney's camp for alledgedly bloodying the boss' nose. He also, in another story, claims to have made things uncomfortable for Greg Page.

After a dozen straight wins, Witherspoon was matched with Alfonzo Ratliff—a small, but capable boxer from Chicago—on national television. He stopped Ratliff in seven, but didn't exactly remind anybody of Joe Louis in the process. In his next television appearance, he struggled to a sloppy decision over Renaldo Snipes. At this point, Tim was considered unproven at best, but still promising enough to be swept into Don King's boundless stable. Before he could make his first start under new management, Witherspoon broke his jaw sparring with Lightning Bob Smith. He was suddenly out of work and broke.

"I felt depressed because I wasn't getting any help from the Kings or Mark Stewart, my ex-manager," remembers Witherspoon bitterly. "They left me on the corner. I was number-three in the world and only had 50 cents in my pocket. I lost my apartment. My credit went down because I had things and couldn't pay the bills."

By the time Witherspoon's jaw had mended, King was looking around for a body to showcase Holmes against in his "Crown Affair" extravaganza. He needed a respectable, yet not too dangerous, opponent. Timmy fit the bill. His subsequent showing surprised everyone, especially the champ. There were those that felt that Larry had underestimated his young challenger. Witherspoon, however. is not among them.

"Larry didn't underestimate me," scorns Tim. "That was one of his excuses. Larry Holmes knew about me. He'd seen me work before. I beat up both of his sparring partners, Marvin Stinson and Jerry Williams. The fact is that I was just a better quality fighter than the majority of the guys he fought before.

Four months after the Holmes fight, on the eve of his NABF title match with James (Quick) Tillis, Witherspoon was unhappy and in search of a sympathetic ear. Despite his continued success, his relationship with manager Carl King had turned completely

sour and Slim Jim Robinson—the trainer credited with developing Tim's strategy against Holmes—was no longer in his corner.

"My manager isn't doing a good job. I think I'm being underpaid. All those other guys are making big money," complained Witherspoon. "I mean, Scott Frank got $350,000 for fighting Holmes; Tex Cobb got $500,000. All I took home (after the Holmes fight) was $53,000. I think I deserve more. This is the time in my life when I've got to stand up and say, "Hey, I think I'm getting the short end of the stick." They tell me I'm gonna make more money in the future, but you can't go with that because I could walk downstairs and somebody could shoot me in the arm, or shoot my hand off. Then it's all down the drain. So give it to me now. Don't keep promising."

At the crux of Witherspoon's dilemma is the conflict of interest that derives from the fact that Carl King is, of course, Don King's son. This legal, but hardly ethical, arrangement certainly helped Tim obtain his shot at Holmes, but it also dilutes the fighter's bargaining power. When it's time to quibble about the size of his purse, Witherspoon has little choice but to take what is offered. It's a situation that's left him feeling unappreciated and neglected.

"I'm nobody but a race horse and when my time is through, they'll put me to sleep," says Tim. "Slim Jim left because they wasn't paying him enough money. But I don't miss him. Slim was all for himself. I'm glad he's gone."

Needless to say, Carl doesn't see the problem in precisely the same light.

"I think I have a good relationship with Timmy," says Carl. "Sometimes there seems to be a communication gap, but only at times when Timmy doesn't come right out and say what's on his mind. He lets a problem build and build. He doesn't have to go to the media to get a response. They can't get fights for him. I really don't think he has a gripe about what he's being paid. The more he gets paid, the more I make. So I would be remiss if I tried to underpay him."

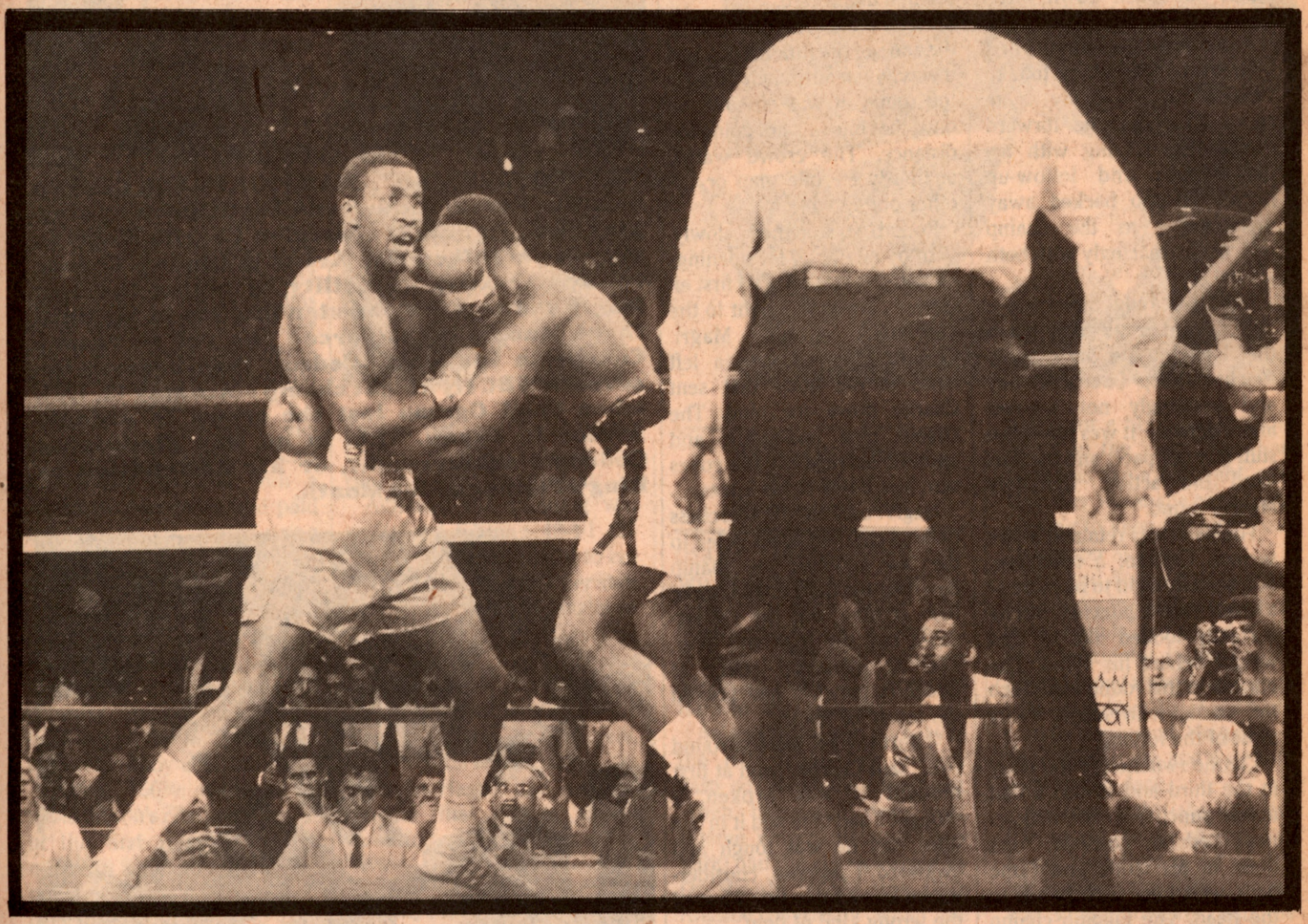
Carl also has a different slant on Slim Jim's departure.

"Slim Robinson told me that he had some difficulties with his wife because he's away from home for so long. He was very happy working with us, but he'd been offered a job closer to Philadelphia."

One can't help but wonder if these managerial hassles will have any effect on Witherspoon's performances inside the ring. Although he insists that his mediocre showing with Jumbo Cummings was a result of a "black cloud over my head," against Tillis he was spectacular, blasting the Chicago-based cowboy into oblivion in less than one round. It was a triumph that solidified his position as the WBC's number two-rated contender and hinted at the unlimited potential lurking inside his 6-foot-3, 220-pound frame.

When Gerrie Coetzee upset Michael Dokes to win the WBA title, the entire heavyweight picture took on a dramatically different look. Although Holmes is scheduled to defend against Marvis Frazier, he insinuated that he might be tempted to cancel the bout and fight Coetzee, provided the purse is large enough. The WBC has already given Larry an extension on his mandatory defense against their number one-rated contender, Greg Page. It is conceivable that the WBC may, however reluctantly, strip Holmes of his title if he continues to avoid Page. In this eventuality, Witherspoon would probably be matched with Page in a box-off.

But whatever scenario develops during the coming months, Tim should be in an excellent position. Those monster paydays he so fervently desires could be just around the corner.



# RINGSIDE REPORTS

## FIGHT OF THE MONTH

***CEDENO-MAGRI***
***WBC Flyweight Title***

LONDON, ENGLAND—CHARLIE Magri, 111¼, Great Britain, lost his WBC flyweight title in his first defense. Italian referee Angelo Poletti stopped his title bout with Frank Cedeno, 110½, Phillipines, in round six after Magri had been down three times.

It was all action from the first bell on, and Magri tried to take Cedeno out as quickly as he could. Charlie came forward confidently, scoring with accurate jabs and follow-up hooks. Cedeno backed away momentarily as the champ punched menacingly with both hands.

This was only momentary, though, and Frank soon joined the issue, using his longer reach to keep Charlie at bay and seemingly not worried about defense. It was toe-to-toe stuff at a fast pace, and the fans liked the action. Definitely Magri's round.

The pace was retained in the second. Cedeno, a southpaw, had been thought to be more of a boxer than a puncher, but he certainly looked like he had weight behind his blows. The pattern in this round was much the same, with Magri doing most of the forcing.

Charlie switched to the body in the third and landed a half dozen punches to the midsection. Cedeno, however, took them in his stride and came back with long right hands to the head. The Filipino champ contested every issue, ignored defense, and took the best the Britisher could throw. It must have been extremely disconcerting to Magri.

Cedeno had an ice pack applied to his ribs at the end of the session, but he traded punches with the champ in the fourth round. Charlie caught him with a hard left uppercut, but Frank seemed unaffected.

Magri looked a little tired at the start of the fifth inning, and it was punch-for-punch through the round. It was obvious, by now, that this was not going the distance. The crowd waited anxiously for one man or the other one to wilt.

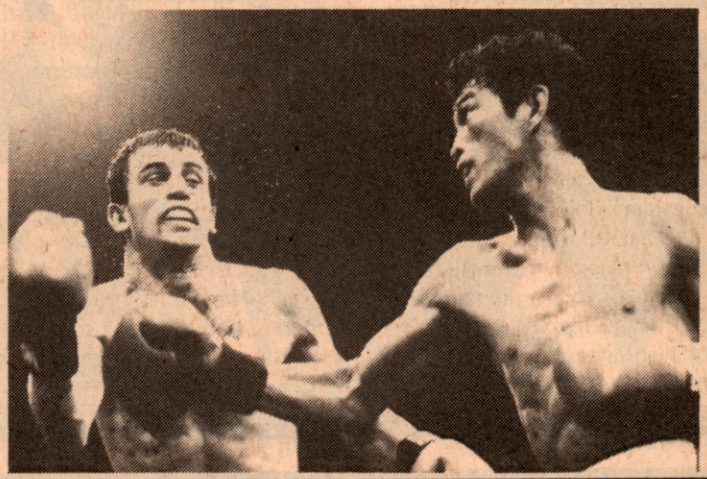
Round six opened slowly, both men feinting for openings and Magri stalking. The first effective blow was a right to the chin that wobbled Magri. Cedeno followed with a left hand to the body that sent Charlie down for nine. The champ rose unsteadily, and another barrage on the ropes sent him down to his knees.

Magri rose, but the merciless Cedeno charged again. A left to the jaw knocked the champ down for the third time. Charlie rose at nine, but the ref signaled that the fight was over. The accumulative effect of Cedeno's punches had proved too much for Magri.

"I hurt my left hand in round two," said Charlie, "and at first thought it was broken. I thought I had clinched it in the third, but he was tough and awkward. I suppose, considering he was a southpaw, I boxed the wrong kind of fight.

## FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

**FILIPINO FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION FRANK CEDENO surprised several thousand Englishmen by stopping WBC flyweight champion Charlie Magri in six rounds at Wembley Arena in London. Cedeno showed amazing durability by taking the best Magri had to offer and standing toe-to-toe until three knockdowns forced the ref to rescue Charlie in the sixth. Cedeno thus became the *seventh* WBC flyweight champ since May 12, 1981, when Shoji Oguma lost the crown to Antonio Avelar in Japan. This in no way diminishes Cedeno's achievement, or his designation as Ring's Fighter of the Month.**



"I want to apologize to the public for losing the title."

No apology was necessary. If Magri decides to keep on boxing, he will probably meet fellow Britisher Keith Wallace for the latter's Commonwealth crown in what could prove to be the biggest money making fight between two British flyweights in many years.

Frank Bruno, 218½, Wandsworth, kayoed Bill Sharkey, New York, in 2:08 of the first round with a right uppercut. Bruno is now 18-0—all knockouts.

British flyweight champion Kelvin Smart, 115¼, knocked out Tito Abella, Cedeno's sparmate, in 0:25 of round one. Smart has been inactive for a year.

Chris Pyatt, 152, Leicester, outscored Darwen Brewster, 153, Cardiff, over eight by 79½-77½. Pyatt is now 4-0.

Joey Johnson, 128, Liverpool, knocked down Alan Tombs, 126, Guildford, three times in the first round before the referee stopped the bout.

Site—Wembley Arena.
(09-27-83)

*RON OLVER*

### *SIBSON-COLLINS*

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—IT WAS A sad day for Chicago sports fans. First, their upstart White Sox were eliminated from the American League Championship Series by the Baltimore Orioles and then—only minutes after the conclusion of the baseball game—Windy City middleweight prospect John Collins went down to dismal defeat at the hands of England's Tony Sibson. Of the two, Collins' loss was defintely more traumatic. At least the Sox went down swinging. Collins never threw a punch in anger and was rescued by referee Rudy Battle just 36 seconds into the second round.

After 29 consecutive victories (26 knockouts), Collins was finally matched with a legitimate contender and paid the price for his inflated string of cheap wins. Sibson, 160½, took the fight to him from the opening bell, encountering absolutely no resistance. It was like taking candy from a baby. And while we certainly don't consider Collins a baby, the fight had all the hallmarks of a man-versus-boy confrontation.

Collins, 160¼, managed to avoid Sibson's charges for most of the first round, but was nailed by a solid left hook that dropped him in his corner just before the round-ending bell. John scrambled up at the count of five and sought immediate refuge on his stool.

The 60-second rest was not enough for Collins to clear his head. He looked like a ghost as his corner practically pushed him out of the corner and straight into the guns of the onrushing Sibson.

The chunky Brit wasted no time finishing the job. He planted a right cross square on Collins' chin, dumping him for another count. Somehow, Collins regained his feet, but was soon belted by another volley from Sibson. As referee Battle jumped between the fighters, Collins stumbled across the ring and went down again.

Although the stunning win revitalized Sibson's 48-4-1 (27 kayoes) career, it is hard to envision him getting another shot at Marvelous Marvin Hagler in the near future. Tony was completely destroyed in his February challenge and a rematch would be almost impossible to sell. Nevertheless, there is such an enormous gap between Hagler and his contenders that Sibson should have no problem finding work.

In a travesty of a semi-final, scheduled for 10, undefeated John (The Beast) Mugabi, 156, London, England, kayoed former World junior middleweight champion Eddie Gazo, 162, Miami, in 2:30 of the fourth. Gazo, now 52-8-0 (27 kayoes), has nothing left and had no business being in the ring with Mugabi. "The Beast" raised his record to 18-0, 18 knockouts. Referee, Battle.

Chris Pyatt, 161, London, TKO'd Tony Damby, 163, in two rounds in a scheduled eight. The loser failed to answer the bell for the second. Referee, Battle.

Jesse (Thunder) Ferguson, 210¼, Phila., TKO'd Joe Ballard, 221½, Richmond, Virginia, at 0:53 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Referee, Cappuccino.

John Jarvis, 158¼, Richmond, won a split decision over Jorge Amparo, 150¼, Dominican Republic, six. Referee, Cappuccino.

Felix Santiago, 136, Brooklyn, kayoed Joe Newton, 134, Phila., in 2:28 of the fourth round in a scheduled four. Referee, Battle.

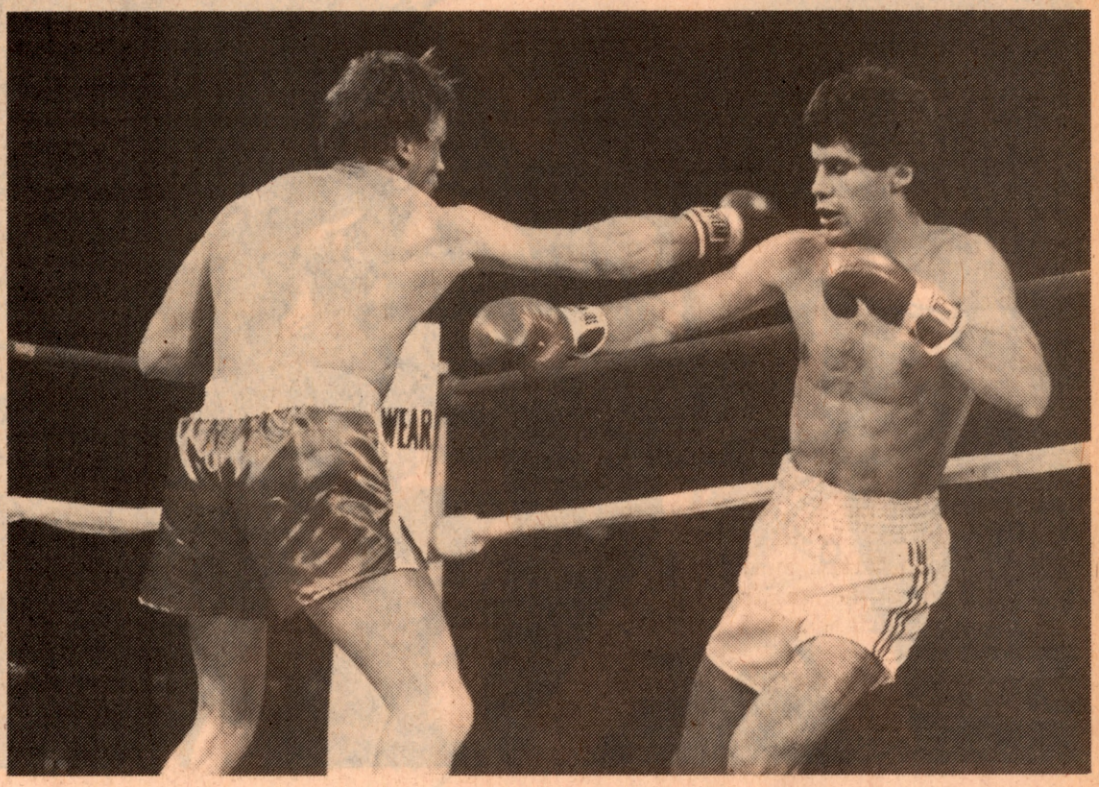
Richard Brent, 161¾, New York, TKO'd Bob Robinson, 159, Phila., at 1:08 of the second round in a scheduled four. Referee, Cappuccino.

The main event was televised live from the Playboy Hotel Casino over NBC-TV.

Judges—Richard F. Murry, Frank Brunette, William Kostrub.

Promoters—Joe Hand, Cedric Kushner.
(10-08-83)

*NIGEL COLLINS*



### *WATANABE-KWON*
### *WBA Junior Bantamweight Title*

OSAKA, JAPAN—SOUTHPAW Jiro Watanabe, 115, Japan, retained his WBA junior bantamweight title with a technical decision over OPBF champion Soon-Chun Won, 114, Korea, at the end of 11 rounds.

An accidental butt midway in the 11th opened up an ugly gash on Watanabe's forehead. When the round was over, referee Vincent Rainone (New York) had the cut examined by Dr. Hiroshi Suzuki, the JBC's ringside physician, when the round was over. Dr. Suzuki ruled the cut was too severe for the bout to continue, and Rainone declared a stoppage and a technical decision.

The scores after 11 were as follows: referee Rainone, 106-99; Panamanian judges Medardo Villalobos and Marco Torres, 109-102 and 108-99, respectively—all for Watanabe. Six stitches were required to close Jiro's cut.

The challenger, a 5'3½" southpaw, had put on a brutal show. He'd lost a point for a kidney punch in round six, for a butt in the 10th, and two points for a head-and-shoulder attack in the 11th. The whole bout was like a bull fight, with the taller Watanabe continually circling to keep the aggressive challenger at bay.

Jiro had Soon-Chun missing repeatedly throughout the first three rounds, but found it difficult to counter. In the fourth, Kwon landed a good right hook to the jaw, and Watanabe wobbled for a moment. He grabbed Soo-Chun's body, and they both went to the deck.

Accurate right jabs won the fifth round for the champ, and Kwon bled from a cut on the left eyelid in the sixth. The cut was slight, however, and the

flow of blood was stopped in the succeeding rounds.

Jiro's faster footwork held the challenger off in the seventh and eighth sessions, but the champ did not throw many punches. Soon-Chun lost his cool after Rainone penalized him in round six, and got more rough-and-tumble as the contest went along.

Watanabe scored with stinging right jabs in the 10th, and started throwing combos. The crowd was disappointed at the lack of action, though, and Jiro might have been a bit too cautious. He seemed afraid the cut he'd suffered against Roberto Ramirez in his last defense would be reopened.

Kwon and his chief second, Kap-Soo Kim, protested the stoppage. "Watanabe was clever," said Soon-Chun, "and his footwork is much faster than mine. But he could have continued. I want to fight him again."

Watanabe, 28, is now 20-1 with 13 kayoes. Kwon, 24, is 21-3-1 with 14 knockouts. Kwon was the WBA's number one contender, so this was a mandatory defense.

Watanabe got $130,000. Kwon received $25,000.

Kaoru Yoshioka, 121, halted Fumio Ozaki, 120¾, at 2:58 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Takuya Tsuji, 112, outscored Hiranobu Tokuchi, 111¼, six.

Tomikazu Kaneshiro, 130, outpointed Tomoharu Ogawa, also 130, six.

Four rounders: Takahito Imanaka, 124, outpointed Koichi Kizu, also 124. Yukinari Oshiro, 109½, outscored Osamu Fukumoto, 110½, in the opener.

Site—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium.

Kiyoshi Yoshii's Osaka Teiken Promotions.

Attendance—8,300 (estimated).

Nationally telecast by Nippon TV in Japan and KBS in Korea.

WBA witness—Dr. Elias Cordova.

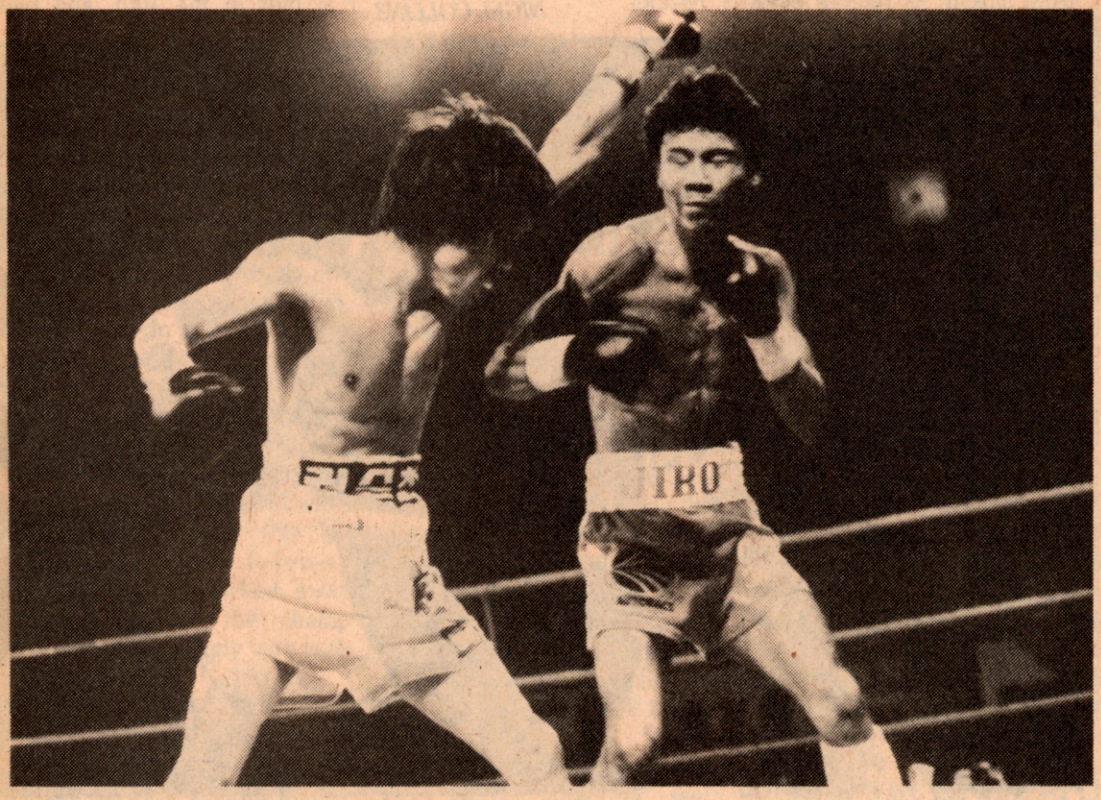
(10-06-83)

*JOE KOIZUMI*

## *DeLEON-LOPEZ*
## *WBC Cruiserweight Title*

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—VETERAN contender Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez has finally come to the end of his long career. In his fifth attempt to win a world crown, Lopez was stopped on cuts by World Boxing Council cruiserweight champion Carlos DeLeon in the fourth round at the outdoor Municipal Stadium. Lopez came into the fight with his ring career written on his face in scar tissue. It took just one sweeping left hook by DeLeon to rip apart the right eyebrow of the challenger, and seconds later, with blood pouring down Lopez's face, referee Hank Elespuru halted the fight.

It was a frustrating outcome for the gallant, 32-year-old Lopez, 188½, Stockton, California. A contender on the installment plan, Lopez had failed four times in the past to win the world light heavyweight title, though one time, in Italy, he was shamefully cheated out of the title in a decision loss to champion Victor Galindez. Two years ago, Lopez moved up to the recently created 190-pound division, and, following seven straight victories, was rated number two by the WBC and earned a chance at the title held by DeLeon. With just a few seconds gone in the first round, the 24-year-old champion caught Lopez flush with a leaping left hook and sent him crashing to the canvas on his back.



Later, DeLeon would say, "I thought for sure I would end the fight very soon. I did not think he would last another minute, but I had met his wife and children and I thought of them when trying to finish him off." Though Lopez was obviously hurt, and blood came from both nostrils, he held himself together as DeLeon drove him into the ropes and attacked with dozens of punches. By the end of the round, Lopez was fighting back, driving solid shots into the champion's stomach.

DeLeon, making the first defense of the title he regained from S.T. Gordon two months earlier, certainly knew that Lopez was vulnerable to cuts, and that the often-damaged skin on his face hardly had a prayer against some sharp, snapping punches. In the second and third rounds, the champion, 188¾, Puerto Rico, kept sticking out long, hard jabs, and was in complete control when the fight was in the center of the ring. Lopez took punishment, but kept coming back, moving the champion to the ropes where he landed many hooks to DeLeon's ribs and midsection. Though his face was reddened and badly puffed up, Lopez had his fans cheering wildly.

The fourth round was Yaqui's best and, for a moment, it seemed he was beginning to take the upper hand. Then suddenly, DeLeon had Lopez in the center of the ring, and with one quick punch, cut his flesh right to the bone. DeLeon backed Lopez into his own corner, landed two wicked rights to the face, and referee Elespuru stepped in and called Dr. Abiog into the ring. Almost everyone seemed to know what was coming. Seconds later, DeLeon had his arm raised in victory.

"I thought I had a chance tonight," Yaqui said in his dressing room. "I thought I could win, even after he knocked me down. Now I want to get out of boxing. I do not want to be a stepping stone for younger fighters. I would like to have one more fight, before my fans in Stockton, and win against a very good opponent."

This was Lopez's 76th fight in an 11-year-career, and though he never won a world championship, he was an all-out "honest-to-God" fighter every time he stepped into the ring. Born in a small Mexican village, Lopez was raised in two small, windowless rooms underneath the bleachers of an adobe walled bullring. When he was 12, his family moved to California and found work on the farms in the San Joaquin

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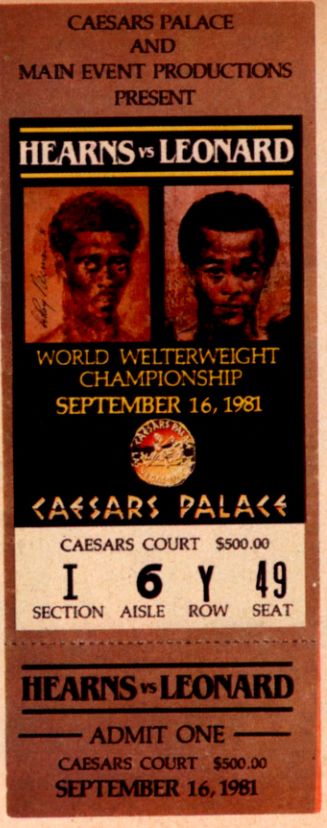


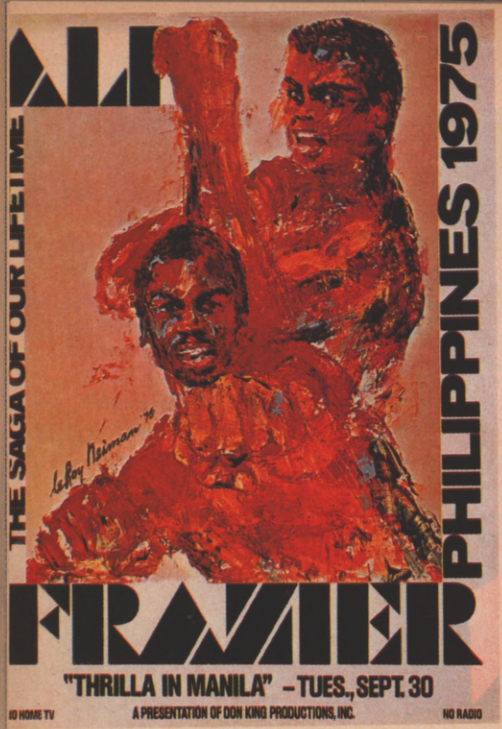
Roberto Duran
1972 New York

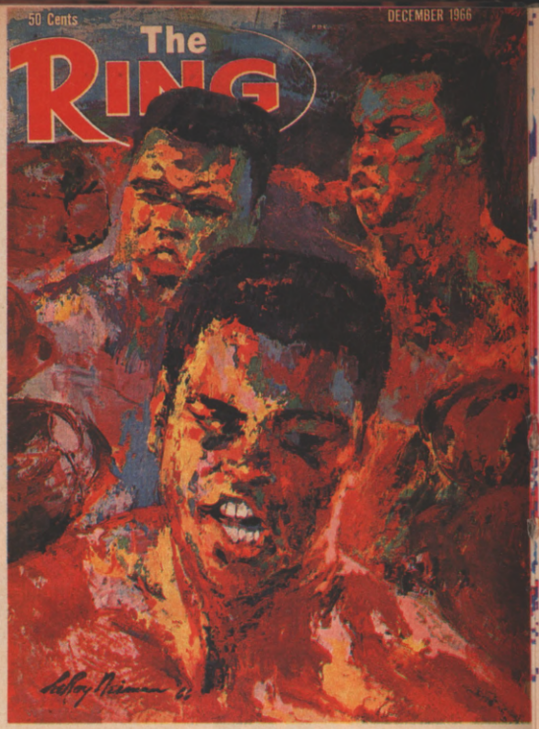
1977 Los Angeles

1980 Montreal

# WINNERS BY

**There is that moment in every young fighter's career when he is beautiful. He knows it, feels it, enters the ring with every hair slicked in place. The glamour of the moment is his. If he could quit at this point, he could be handsome the rest of his life. But there is about him a fragile quality, a vulnerability. It is magnified, that look, when he loses. Sugar Ray Leonard on the other hand may be spared such facial alterations (as has his fellow millionaire, two-time opponent Roberto Duran). Leonard, by his early retirement, thus added some more sugar to the Ray Robinson heritage. Roberto Duran, the quintessential street fighter, had that look when he made his Madison Square Garden debut in 1972. And, as I sketched his career over the next decade, his countenance changed slowly but distinctly, flattening and spreading.**






**Ali's greatest achievement, in my mind, wasn't that he won the crown three times, but that he did the same act for twenty years and never bored us. The calendar finally caught up with him. But he never stoped entertaining his public. Like the other two all-time greats, Louis and Dempsey, he lost his last bout, but remains in a class by himself.**

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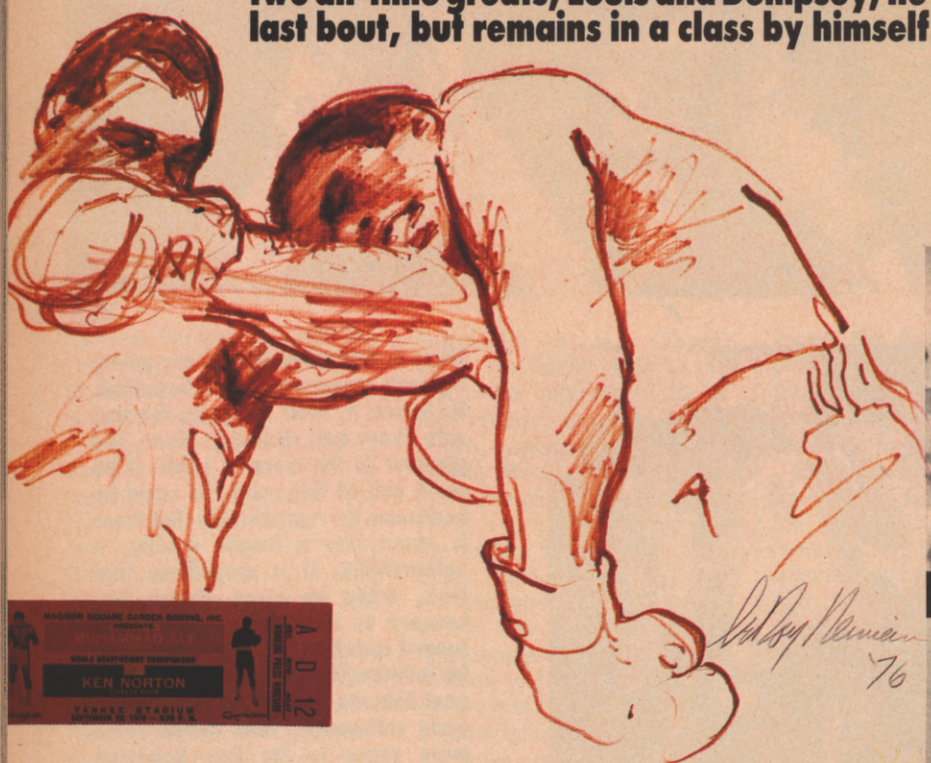

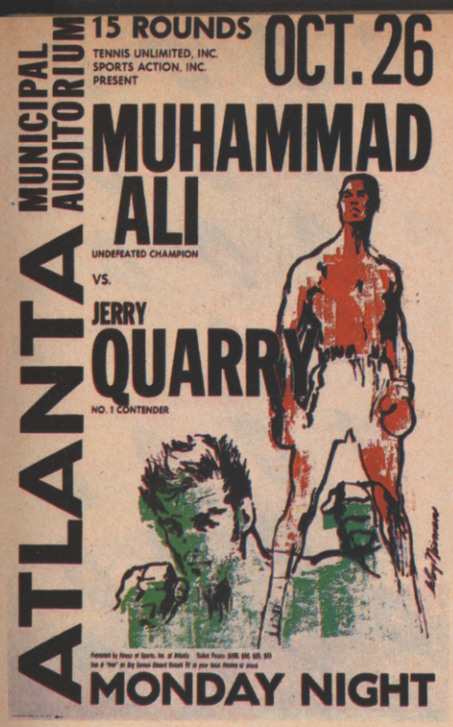
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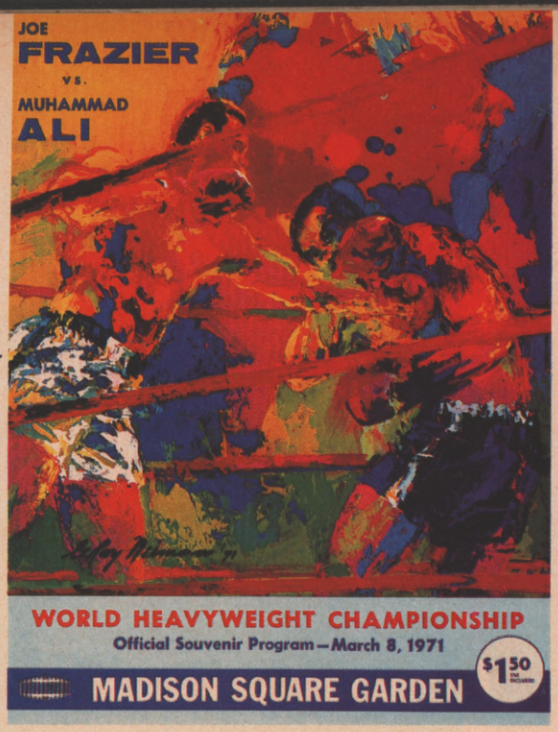
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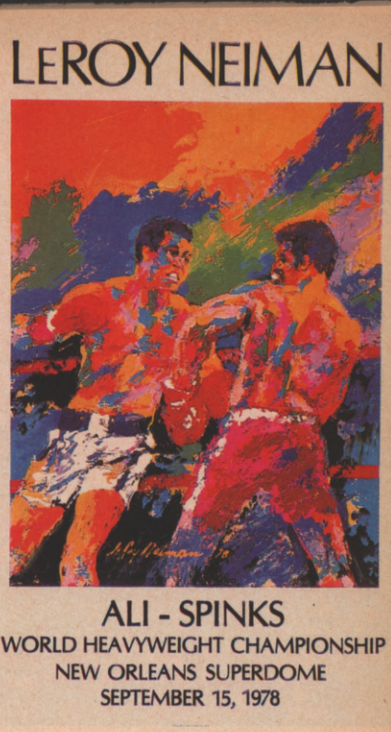
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WILFREDO GOMEZ, Puerto Rico
World Champion
Record: 35-1
Weight:

JUAN ANTONIO LOPEZ, Mexico
No. 4 Contender
Record: 50-9 (36 KO's)
Weight:

HEAVYWEIGHTS
10-ROUNDS

GREG PAGE, Louisville, KY.
Record: 20-2-1 (17 KO's)
Weight:

TONY SANTORO, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Record: 16-
Weight:

JAMES "QUICK" TILLIS, Chicago
No. 4 Contender (WBC) & No. 8 (WBA)
Record:
Weight:

JEFF LAMPKIN, Youngstown, O.
Record: 15-0 (15 KO's)
Weight:

MARK HOLMES, Easton, Pa.
Record: 20-0
Weight:

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
8-ROUNDS

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
10-ROUNDS

MILLIE EDWARDS, Detroit
Record: 12-0 (10 KO's)
Weight:

BILLY PAGE, Chicago
Record: 8-7
Weight:

Record: 14-7

TAYLOR BERBICK, Indianapolis, Ind.
No. 2 Contender (WBC)
Record: 20-2-1 (17 KO's)
Weight:

EARNIE SHAVERS, Stamford, Conn.
No. 3 Contender (WBA)
Record:
Weight:

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### HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**LARRY HOLMES**** ..... Easton, Pa.
1 **Gerrie Coetzee*** ..... South Africa
2 **Greg Page** ..... Louisville, Ky.
3 **Michael Dokes** ..... Akron, Ohio
4 **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Wyncotte, Pa.
5 **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6 **Mike Weaver** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **David Bey** ..... Pittsburgh, Pa.
8 **John Tate** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
9 **Trevor Berbick** ..... Halifax, Canada
10 **Marvis Frazier** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. James Broad, 12. (Tie) Frank Bruno, Gerry Cooney, 13. (Tie) Alfredo Evangelista, Renaldo Snipes 16. (Tie) Jeff Sims, Tony Tubbs, 18. Randall (Tex) Cobb, 19. (Tie) James Tillis, George Chaplin

### LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MICHAEL SPINKS** ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1 **Dwight Braxton** ..... Camden, N.J.
2 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
3 **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico
5 **John Davis** ..... Hempstead, N.Y.
6 **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7 **John Odhiambo** ..... Denmark
8 **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9 **Oscar Rivadeneyra** ..... Vineland, N.J.
10 **Pete McIntyre** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Richard Caramanolis, 12. Rudi Koopmans, 13. Ossie Ocasio, 14. (Tie) Eric Winbush, Saad Muhammad, 16. Richie Kates, 17. Anthony Davis, 18. (Tie) Jose Flores, Fulgencio Obelmejias, 20. (Tie) Mike Rossman, Charles Singleton

### MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**MARVIN HAGLER** ..... Brockton, Mass.
1 **Mustafa Hamsho** ..... Syria
2 **Tony Sibson** ..... England
3 **Frank Fletcher** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **James Shuler** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Dwight Davison** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6 **Curtis Parker** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
8 **Murray Sutherland** ..... Bay City, Mich.
9 **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
10 **John Collins** ..... Chicago, Ill.

11. (Tie) Alex Ramos, Bernard Mays, 13. Mark Holmes, 14. (Tie) Vinnie Curto, Wilford Scypion, Leroy Hester, 17. (Tie) Mark Kaylor, Juan D. Roldan

### JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**THOMAS HEARNS**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1 **Wilfred Benitez** ..... Puerto Rico
2 **Roberto Duran*** ..... Panama
3 **Mike McCallum** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
5 **Fred Hutchings** ..... Stockton, Calif.
6 **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
7 **David Braxton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8 **James Green** ..... Irvington, N.J.
9 **Herol Graham** ..... England
10 **Earl Hargrove** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.

11. Carlos Santos, 12. Mario Maldonado, 13. Gary Guiden, 14. (Tie) Buster Drayton, Julian Jackson, 16. (Tie) Francisco DeJesus, Sean Mannion,

### WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1 **Milton McCrory**** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2 **Donald Curry*** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
4 **Nino LaRocca** ..... Italy
5 **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
6 **Elio Diaz** ..... Venezuela
7 **Roger Stafford** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Kevin Howard** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9 **Milton Guest** ..... Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
10 **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio

11. Pete Ranzany, 12. (Tie) Lupe Aquino, Maurice Blocker 14. (Tie) Mauricio Bravo, Harold Volbrecht, 16. Alfredo Lucero, 17. Bobby Joe Young, 18. (Tie) Carlos Trujillo, Pablo Baez, 20. (Tie) Juan Rondon, Jun-Sok Hwang, Jeff Malcolm

### JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**TITLE VACANT**
1 **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
2 **Bruce Curry**** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Leroy Haley** ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
4 **Saoul Mamby** ..... New York, N.Y.
5 **Steve Hearon** ..... Houston, Texas
6 **Billy Costello** ..... Kingston, N.Y.
7 **Ronnie Shields** ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas
8 **Patrizio Oliva** ..... Italy
9 **Mario Cusson** ..... Montreal, Canada
10 **Felix Reyes** ..... Dominican Republic

11. (Tie) Lorenzo Garcia, Reyes Cruz, 14. Ubaldo Sacco, 15. (Tie) Harry Arroyo, Hugo Hernandez, 17. Alfredo Escalera, 18. (Tie) Willie Rodriguez, Hidekazu Akai

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**Ratings as of November 1, 1983**

* WBA CHAMPION

** WBC CHAMPION

### LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**
**TITLE VACANT**

1 **Ray Mancini*** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
2 **Edwin Rosario**** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Howard Davis, Jr.** ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
4 **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5 **Robin Blake** ..... Levelland, Tex.
6 **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
7 **Roberto Elizondo** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
8 **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
9 **Alvin Hayes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 **Orlando Romero** ..... Peru

11. Charlie Brown, 12. Ken Bogner, 13. (Tie) Tony Baltazar, Nick Furlano, 15. Jimmy Paul, 16. (Tie) Daryl Tyson, Greg Coverson, Sergio Medina

### JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**ROGER MAYWEATHER*** ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
1 **Bobby Chacon** ..... Oroville, Calif.
2 **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3 **Rafael Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
4 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
5 **Samuel Serrano** ..... Puerto Rico
6 **Rolando Navarrete** ..... Hawaii
7 **Tae-Jin Moon** ..... Korea
8 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... England
9 **Alfredo Raininger** ..... Italy
10 **Ruben Munoz** ..... Dallas, Tex.

11. Jorge Alvarado, 12. (Tie) Chung-Il Choi, Rafael Limon, 14. Il-Bok Lee, 15. (Tie) Yoshimitsu Asato, Edgar Castro, Refugio Rojas, 18. (Tie) Rod Sequenan, Robert Castanon, 20. (Tie) Benedicto Villablanca, Raphael Lopez, Greg Coverson

### FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**EUSEBIO PEDROZA*** ..... Panama
1 **Juan LaPorte**** ..... New York, N.Y.
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** ..... Puerto Rico
3 **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Paterson, N.J.
4 **Jose Caba** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
6 **Ruben Castillo** ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Johnny De La Rosa** ..... Miami, Fla.
8 **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9 **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Richard Savage, 12. Irving Mitchell, 13. Hwan-Kil Yuh, 14. Oscar Bejines 15. Steve Cruz, 16. (Tie) Loris Stecca, Angel Mayor, Barry McGuigan

### JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

**TITLE VACANT**
1 **Jaime Garza**** ..... Los Angeles, California
2 **Leo Cruz*** ..... Dominican Republic
3 **Mike Ayala** ..... New York, N.Y.
4 **Felipe Orozco** ..... Colombia
5 **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Bernardo Checa** ..... Panama
7 **Jorge Lujan** ..... Panama
8 **Bobby Berna** ..... Philippines
9 **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
10 **Felix Rodriguez** ..... Panama

11. Sergio Palma, 12. Oscar Muniz, 13. Bernardo Pinango, 14. Julian Solis, 15. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 16. Jairo Anton, 17. (Tie) Chul Kwon, Raul Gonzalez

### BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**JEFF CHANDLER*** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Albert Davila**** ..... Mexico
2 **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
3 **Oscar Muniz** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Rafael Orono** ..... Venezuela
5 **Edgar Roman** ..... Caracas, Venezuela
6 **Enrique Sanchez** ..... Dominican Republic
7 **Chul-Ho Kim** ..... Korea
8 **Richard Sandoval** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
10 **Harold Petty** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas

11. Freddie Jackson, 12. Paul Ferreri, 13. James Pipps, 14. Jorge Ramirez, 15. Daniel Zaragoza, 16. (Tie) Eijiro Murata, Seung-Hoon Lee, 18. Neptali Alamag, 19. Daniel Blanco, 20. Suk-Chul Bae

### FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
**WORLD CHAMPION**

**FRANK CEDENO**** ..... Philippines
1 **Santos Laciar*** ..... Argentina
2 **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
3 **Lupe Madera** ..... Mexico
4 **Eleoncio Mercedes** ..... Dominican Republic
5 **Charlie Magri** ..... England
6 **Freddie Castillo** ..... Mexico
7 **Katsuo Tokashiki** ..... Japan
8 **Prudencio Cardona** ..... Colombia
9 **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
10 **German Torres** ..... Mexico

11. Reinaldo Becerra, 12. Juan Herrera, 13. (Tie) Keith Wallace, Amado Ursua, 15. (Tie) Candido Tellez, Guty Espadas, Joey Olivo, Isidro Perez

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Valley. By the time he was 20, with limited amateur experience, Lopez turned professional with his father-in-law, Jack Cruz, as his manager, and went on to beat fellows like Mike Rossman, Jesse Burnett, and Pete McIntyre. Once, he surely beat champion Victor Galindez, and he twice put up terrific wars against Matthew Saad Muhammad. But he could not get past John Conteh or Michael Spinks.

He scored 38 knockouts and 24 wins by decision, but, eventually, time caught up with him and his skin was as weak as a sheet of dried out newspaper. After his lose to DeLeon, with a faint smile, Lopez said, "I got a face only a mother could love."

DeLeon, now 35-2-1, won his title against Marvin Camel in an elimination bout, and, after beating Camel on cuts in a return, he knocked out Leon Spinks. The champion received just $75,000, against $30,000 for Lopez, in a card promoted by Don King and J&J Sports of San Jose. The show grossed $46,922, with 2,791 paying customers, and was shown over cable to various locals.

In a scheduled 10-rounder, Steve Romero, 133½, from San Jose, blasted Salvadore Ugalde to pieces in 1:27 of the second round. Ugalde, 131, Los Angeles, could not keep Romero, now 20-1, off of him and was finally taken out with a left hook.

Pinky Rivera, 118¾, San Jose, won a unanimous 10-round decision over Armando Ugalde, 119, L.A. Both fighters suffered knockdowns, but neither one was seriously hurt.

In a bout scheduled for eight rounds, Flavio Pando, 144, San Jose, knocked out Manny Valenzuela, 143½, Los Angeles, in 2:30 of the second.

In a six-round bout, Mitchell Julien, 144, Palo Alto, took apart Jorge Aguilar, 139½, Stockton, finally ending the mismatch at 1:49 of the second.

Finally, in another six-rounder, Larry Muskgrove, 172, Los Angeles, surprised Stacey Meaks, 172, San Jose, knocking him out in 2:29 of the third.

*CHRISTOPHER COATS*

## *CHANDLER-MURATA*
## *World Bantamweight Title*

TOKYO, JAPAN—JOLTIN' JEFF Chandler's non-title loss to Oscar Muniz may have been the best thing for him.

Chandler, 118 proved too strong for OPBF champ Eijiro Murata, also 118, Japan, dropping him five times and scoring an impressive knockout in 1:54 of the 10th round at Korakuen Hall. The scheduled 15-rounder marked Jeff's eighth successful defense, and he now intends to break Manual Ortiz's consecutive record of 15.

The lanky champ sent Murata to the deck once in the second round, once more in the third, and three times in the fatal 10th. The official scorecards after nine rounds were as follows: referee Isidro Rodriguez (Venezuela), 89-83; judge Rogelio Perez (Panama), 86-84; judge Cesar Ramos (Puerto Rico), 87-83—all for Chandler.

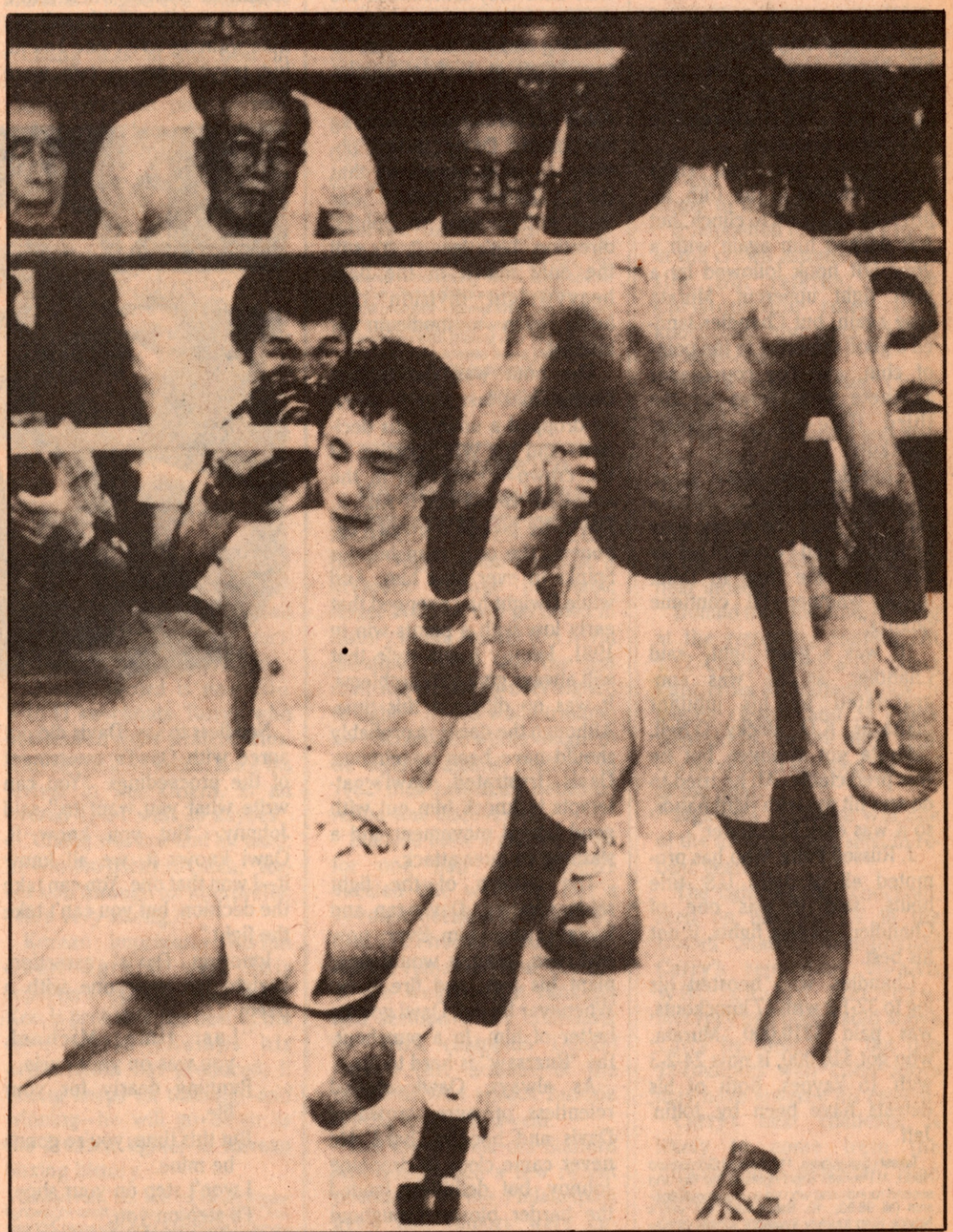
This was the third meeting between Chandler and Murata. They drew in Tokyo on April 5, 1981 and Jeff stopped Eijiro in Atlantic City eight months later.

Murata changed his style in this third bout, abandoning his usual move-and-counterpunch tactics and mixing it up at close range with the champ. It was a mistake; Eijiro was an easy target for Jeff's counters.

Murata took the first round with right hooks to Chandler's belly, but the second frame saw the champ floor him with a well-timed right cross to the neck. Eijiro fought back hard with body shots, but it was Joltin' Jeff's round.

A beautiful one-two to the button dropped the Japanese again in the third session. Eijiro gamely struggled to his feet, but he was groggy, and it's strange that Jeff did not go for a kayo.

Murata bounded back to take the fourth with right hands to the face as Chandler coasted, and the fifth round followed the same pattern. Chandler had to shed three-quarters of a pound at the morning weigh-in, and



may have been trying to conserve his strength. He looked very sweaty in the fifth, and stayed on the defensive.

In the sixth frame, Jeff began to throw the sickle-like uppercuts with which he'd sunk Murata in their second bout. Murata looked bewildered, but managed to avoid most of the harder punches.

The seventh round was clearly Chandler's. He landed wicked uppercuts, and Murata appeared to be at a loss. Eijiro got inside of Jeff in the eighth round and landed to the body. But he, too, had had to lose weight—a quarter of a pound—at the morning weigh-in, and his blows lacked snap and power. Chandler turned loose in the ninth, and staggered him on several occasions.

A triple overhand right floored Murata in the 10th. Eijiro rose and tried to clinch, but Jeff decked him again with a good left hook followed by a light right uppercut. Murata rose again, but Chandler landed a good uppercut to the point of chin, and the courageous Japanese went down for the third time—an automatic knockout.

"Chandler was much more powerful than before," Murata said. "He hurt me every time he landed, and I couldn't get inside. Give me time to think about whether I'll continue boxing."

"It was a good fight," said Chandler, as he was congratulated by his jubilant manager, K.O. Becky O'Neil. "Murata got stronger, but he was predictable. All he tried to do was hit me with right hands, so it was easy to counter."

J. Russell Peltz, who has promoted all of Jeff's U.S. title bouts, said it was one of Chandler's easiest fights, if not his best.

Chandler, who boosted his log to 32-1-2 with 17 knockouts, was paid $210,000. Murata, who got $10,000, is now 24-2-3 with 15 kayoes. Both of his defeats have been by Joltin' Jeff.

Takashi Sakakibara, 112, floored Gonzaburo Nobu, 111¾, with short rights in the first and second rounds and won via a unanimous decision (all 98-93), 10. Sakakibara, this year's Novice King tourney flyweight winner, is now 11-0 with three kayoes. Nobu is 10-7 with four knockouts.

Katsunori Nagamoto, 118, won a unanimous decision over Haruhito Sakamoto, also 118, eight.

Masahito Tanaka, 108, stopped Ikuo Watanabe, also 108, at 2:08 of the fourth in the scheduled six-round opener.

Timekeeper—Riichi Hirano.
Ringside Physician—Dr. Suzuki.
WBA witness—Oscar Teran (Peru).
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*JOE KOIZUMI*

### *BRAXTON-J. DAVIS*

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—DWIGHT Muhammad Qawi (AKA Dwight Braxton) didn't even wait until they announced the decision before walking across the ring and pointing a you're-next-finger at Michael Spinks. Even though one myopic judge made the verdict split by voting for Johnny Davis, it was obvious to most observers that the "Camden Buzzsaw" was back and headed in Spinks' direction. Let's face it, it's still the only match in the light heavyweight division that holds even a modicum of interest.

The bout was Qawi's first outing since last March, when he dropped a unanimous decision—and his WBC portion of the crown—to Michael in the so-called "Brawl For It All." In Davis, he picked a quality opponent, the only man besides Spinks to ever beat him. And while Dwight had avenged that early loss with a points win in 1981, Johnny has a style that will always give him problems. It was no different this time. Although the decision probably should have been unanimous, Davis frustrated Qawi's attempts to knock him out with good lateral movement and a slashing counter attack.

The pattern of the fight seldom varied: Davis ran and Dwight chased him. Every now and then, Johnny would stop, plant his feet, and fire back. Whenever he did, Qawi got the better of him. In a punchout, the "Buzzsaw" is hard to top.

As always, Qawi applied relentless pressure, crowding Davis and hooking hard. He never came close to dropping Johnny, but definitely landed the harder blows throughout the fight. Davis threw plenty of jabs as he moved, but there was little power behind them. The only real highlight came when both men got their legs tangled up in the ninth and tumbled to the canvas in a clumsy heap.

The only surprise of the evening came when judge John Stewart voted for Davis by a 5-4-1 margin. He was overruled by judge Tommy Kaczmarek (7-2-1) and judge Frank Cappuccino (6-4). *The Ring* also saw Qawi the winner, 7-2-1.

"With what happens in boxing today, I'm not surprised," remarked Dwight when asked about the split call. "I can't see him winning even one round, but maybe one or two were close."

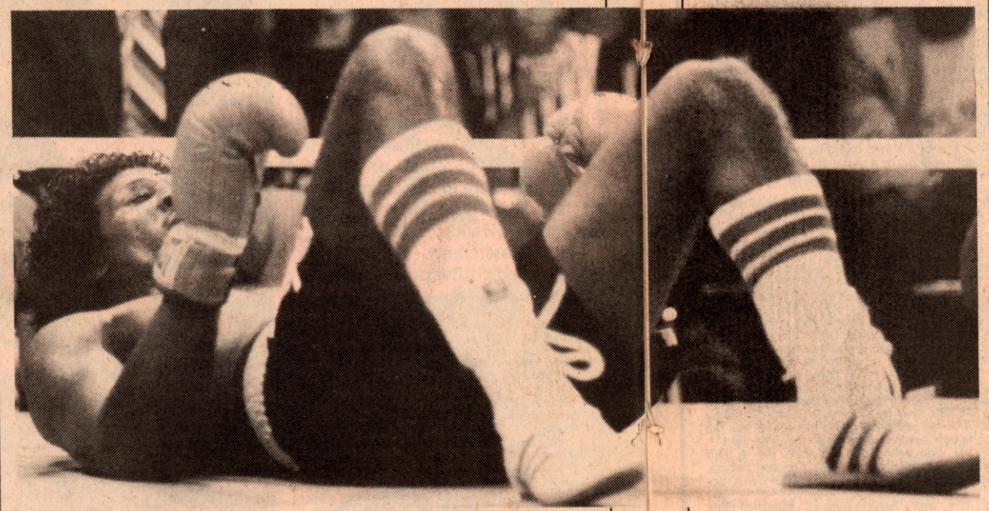
The win raised Qawi's record to 20-2-1 (12 kayoes), while Davis slipped to 15-5 (five kayoes). Both men weighed 177½.

In another scheduled 10, undefeated James Shuler, 158¾, Phila., kayoed Norberto Sabater, 160½, Brooklyn, in 1:26 of the second. Sabater had the first round taken away for hitting low. In the second, Shuler put Norberto away with a flurry of head shots.

Unbeaten southpaw Robert Hines, 148, Phila., TKO'd Lanny Edmond, 148, Detroit, at 0:49 of the seventh round in another scheduled 10. Edmond got off to a promising start, but fell apart when Hines started to connect with combinations to the head. Hines is now 15-0 (10 kayoes); Edmond dropped to 13-2 (nine kayoes).

Bret Summers, 137, Marysville, Wash., won a unanimous decision over Cesar Guzman, 138½, Paterson, N.J., eight.

J.L. Ivey, 131½, won a unanimous decision over Alfonso Mitchell, 131, Phila., six.



Needless to say, Davis did not agree with Qawi's assessment of the proceedings. "You can write what you want to," said Johnny. "But you know it, Qawi knows it, we all know it—I won that one. You can take the decision, but you can't take the fight."

Ignoring Davis' assertion, Dwight left everyone with a poem:

"Last time, Michael,
you was on your cycle,
Running dearly for your life,
But this time, you're gonna be mine.
I won't step on your shoe,
I'll step on you."

Rasheed Ali, 138, Brooklyn, won a majority decision over Rodney Moore, 137, Phila., four.

Keith Corbert, 143, Cherry Hill, N.J., TKO'd Ray Surratt, 145, Reading, Pa., at the end of the third. It was Corbert's first win after 10 tries.

Joe Cortez refereed Qawi-Davis, Summers-Guzman, Ivey-Mitchell, and Ali-Moore. Larry Hazzard worked Shuler-Sabater, Hines-Edmond, and Corbert-Surratt.

The card was televised over the ESPN cable.

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*NIGEL COLLINS*

### *CHANG-TORRES*
### *WBC Flyweight Title*

DAEJON, KOREA—SIX HOURS after Aaron Pryor knocked out Alexis Arguello in Las Vegas, a little Pryor, Jung-Koo Chang, 107½, Korea, retained his WBC light flyweight title with a unanimous decision over German Torres, 108, Mexico, 12.

Torres, 27, the WBC's top contender, was completely outsped and outpowered by the Korean Hawk. Chang moved in and out, consistently beating his challenger to the punch.

The official scoring was as follows: Rudy Ortega (U.S.), 119-108; Dick Young (U.S.), 118-108; Harry Gibbs (England), 118-111—all for the more aggressive and effective Chang. U.S. referee David Pearl did not have a vote.

The 5'3" Chang started cautiously, circling to his left in the first round. Torres, who'd scored 35 of his 41 victories by kayo, stalked the champ until a sudden right exploded in his face. German's knees buckled, and Jung-Koo swarmed over him with a flurry of punches. Torres retaliated with a solid left hook—his specialty—to the champion's jaw, but it was Chang's round.

The 5'4" Torres is a notorious slow starter, and Chang easily took the first four frames with his aggressiveness.

The fifth round was hard fought. Torres, all warmed up, attacked and nailed the champ with a barrage to the body. The curly-haired Chang fought back hard, however, and hit Torres with as many punches as the challenger had thrown. An even round.

Moving to and fro, Jung-Choo sometimes switched to southpaw and bewildered German with right jabs. The sixth round belonged to Chang.

The seventh session saw Chang land quick left jab-right cross combos, and the difference in speed between champion and challenger was obvious. The eighth and ninth frames saw the fighters trade their strongest punches toe-to-toe in the center of the ring. Chang, however, had the better of the action, landing powerful blows to the face and midsection to win both rounds. The Mexican's right eye was now badly swollen.

Chang was at his best in round 10, stalking the fading challenger from post to post and dropping him with brilliant combinations. Torres beat the count, but he was groggy, and another knockdown quickly followed. Referee Pearl stopped the bout at this point to allow the KBC physician to examine German's eye. The partisan crowd saw this as an attempt to save Torres from a knockout, and became noticeably angry. Pearl's action seemed strange to this reporter, as one more combo from the champ would probably have knocked the challenger out.

Jung-Koo, probably acting on the advice of his corner, went on the defensive and coasted the final two rounds. The decision was a mere formality.

Chang's record is now 23-1 with 11 knockouts. Torres, who had scored eight straight wins, with seven knockouts, since his arrival in the Orient, is an overall 41-6-1 with 35 kayoes.

"Chang was fast and hit hard; he was too tricky to catch," Torres said through an interpreter. "He's very strong."

Korean impresario Ho-Yun Chun agreed with this reporter's opinion that Jung-Koo is probably the best of the five world champs his organization has produced. If Chang keeps on training—and winning—he will go down as the greatest fighter in Korean boxing history.

Sok-Kyo Park, 135, won the vacant Korean lightweight crown by flooring Sang-Woo Choi, also 135, twice with vicious left hooks to the jaw and stopping him in the fourth round of the 10-round semi final. Jin-Kuk Kim, referee.

Chong-Hyun Kim, 110, outscored Chang-Young Chang, 108½, eight.

Uw-Yong Kim, 110¼, won a close nod over Sok Tor, also 110¼, six.

Kyung-Jung Lee, 131¼, outpointed Pong-Chun Park, 131¾, six.

Four-rounders: Min-Son Che, 124, halted Yong-Sok Kim, 123½, in the fourth and final round. Hyun-Il Kim, 125¼, outscored Kyu-Won Cho, also 125¼. Dae-Jin Kim, 109, floored and outscored Sung-Hwan Noh, 109¼. San-Yol Kwak, 120½, outpointed Chang-Ong Kim, 121¼. Song-Jin Park, 110, outscored Ki-Ho Chung, 108¾, in the opener.

Ho-Yun Chun's Kukdong Promotions.

Local promoter—former WBC junior featherweight champion Dong-Kyun Yum.

Telecast by KBS (Korea) and TBS (Japan).

WBC witness—Antonio Sierra (Italy).

Attendance—7,000 (estimated).
(09-10-83)

*JOE KOIZUMI*

**CHANG-TORRES SCORECARDS**

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| **Judge Harry Gibbs** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| TORRES | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 111 |
| **Judge Rudy Ortega** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CHANG | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 119 |
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| **Judge Dick Young** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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### *CURRY-STAFFORD*
### *WBA Welterweight Title*

MARSALA, ITALY—UNLESS Sugar Ray Leonard makes a dramatic change in plans, Roger Stafford will go down in history as the answer to a trivia question: "Who was the last man Ray Leonard ever signed to fight?" It was while training for a scheduled welterweight title defense against Stafford in 1982 that Leonard's detached retina was discovered.

Stafford blew a chance to go for one half of Leonard's vacated title when he lost a 10-round decision to Milton McCrory in Phoenix in July, 1982. But he remained near the top of the welterweight rankings and seemed a fair contender for WBA champion Donald Curry's first defense of the crown he won against Jun-Sok Hwang earlier this year.

But the 29-year-old Stafford had taken quite a few recent poundings in the Philadelphia gyms and rumors were circulating that he was a shot fighter. Barely five seconds into this bout, Stafford proved the rumors accurate. Curry caught him with a left jab as he came in and immediately knocked Roger to the floor.

It happened to fast that most in the crowd assumed it was a slip. But referee Stanley Christodoulou ruled it a knockdown and gave Stafford an eight-count.

Half a minute later, Curry connected with a clean, double left hook combination and Stafford went down again. He made it up at four, but with the three knockdown rule in effect and with over two minutes left in the round, the end seemed near indeed.

Donald took his time, jabbing at the retreating Stafford. At 1:42 Curry aimed a chopping right cross at Stafford's jaw. It landed cleanly and as Roger went down, for the third time, Christodoulou signaled the end of the fight.

Stafford's challenge was one of the most pathetic seen in recent years.

The lightning fast knockout, seen on national TV in the United States, strengthened Curry's reputation vis-a-vis WBC champ McCrory. McCrory had been rated above Curry by most fans, but two 12-rounders with Colin Jones may have lowered his esteem.

Curry's next challenge is likely to come from the African-Italian sensation, Nino LaRocca.

(09-03-83)

# RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

## NORTH AMERICA

## UNITED STATES

### CALIFORNIA

▲**NORTHRIDGE—Devonshire Downs**—Unbeaten Elias Madrid, 133¾, Sylmar, easily disposed of Willie Daw, Port Arthur, Texas, referee Judy Jordan intervening at 0:40 of the third in a scheduled 10 when Daw stopped fighting back. Daw was knocked through the ropes in the second.

Twin brother Erick Madrid, 128½, Sylmar, halted Elvis Daw, 129, Port Arthur, referee John Thomas intervening after Daw had been decked by a right uppercut. Erick was penalized a point in both the second and third rounds for punching below the belt.

Southpaw Dennis Mulholland (9-0), 148, Bakersfield, unanimously outpointed Doug James, 151, Long Beach, eight, not losing a round.

I.V. Nalls, 198, Los Angeles, stopped Curtis Starling, 195, San Diego, referee Jordan intervening at 2:51 of the second in a scheduled four to save Starling from further punishment.

The most popular winner on the card was 47-year-old Sonny Shields, father of former welterweight contender Randy Shields. Shields, 180, North Hollywood, defeated 23-year-old Bernie Smith, 178, Houston, referee Pat Connolly stopping the bout at 2:07 of the first in a scheduled five when Smith began bleeding profusely from a possible broken nose. The hard left jabe of Shields caused the injury.
(09-12-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Gilberto Roman, 116½, Mexico City, kayoed WAA super flyweight champion Ron Cisneros, 115½, Denver, referee Larry Rozadilla stopping the fight at 1:46 of the seventh in a scheduled 10 after Cisneros had been floored twice. The fight was relatively even until Roman dropped Cisneros with a right uppercut one minute into the seventh.

Derrick Kelly, 153, Los Angeles, unanimously outpointed Marcos Jacobo, 153, six. Kelly was down in the third, but won every other round.

John Watkins, 125, Los Angeles, and Luis Hernandez, 123, Redlands, ended up all even after four. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 38-38; judge Lou Filippo, 39-38, Hernandez; judge Gwen Farrell, 39-38, Watkins.

Danny Venegas, 137¾, Bakersfield, won a four-round majority decision over Jose Correa, 138½, East Los Angeles. Scoring: referee Filippo, 38-38' judge Rozadilla, 39-38; judge farrell, 39-38.

Joe Esquevel, 160, Los Angeles, kayoed Ricky Brown, 161, Long Beach, in 2:43 of the third in a scheduled four. Lou Filippo, referee.

Danny Rodriguez, 150½, Bell, kayoed Elvis Corniel, 151, Santa Monica, referee Filippo intervening at 2:25 of the second in a scheduled four after Corniel had been floored.
(09-15-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Rene Arredondo, 140, Apatzingan, Mexico, proved he is a force to be reckoned with after winning the vacant California junior welterweight championship with a sixth round knockout over very game Rigoberto Ruiz, 139½, Tijuana. Ruiz was dropped six times—once in the third, twice in the fourth, and three more times in the fifth—before referee Lou Filippo wisely stopped the one-sided affair at 2:28 of the sixth in a scheduled twelve.

John Hackleman, 175½, Santa Monica, and Leon Gray, 179½, Los Angeles, fought to a technical draw, referee Chuck Hassett stopping the bout at 2:29 of the first in a scheduled six when Gray was cut under his left eye by an unintentional Hackleman butt.

Shorty Almaguer, 125, Chino, unanimously outpointed former Japanese super bantamweight champion Bunji Ando, 125, Tokyo, six.

Nick Delong, 218, Long Beach was judged a four-round majority winner over Denorvell Collier, 197½, Los Angeles. Collier was decked in the opening session, but rallied to win the final two rounds. Scoring: referee Robert Byrd, 39-36; judge Hassett, 38-37; judge Filippo, 38-38.

Hector Ramos, 135, Los Angeles, was also a narrow majority winner, outpointing veteran loser Jose Resendez, 138, Los Angeles, six. Resendez tired badly from the third. Scoring: referee Byrd, 58-57; judge Filippo, 58-56; judge Hassett, 57-57.

Jessie Mora, 148, Santa Monica, unanimously outpointed Valdez Hubbard, 146, Los Angeles, four. Both were floored in the fourth, but the stronger Mora had Hubbard on the run in the first three rounds. Scoring: referee Byrd, 39-36; judge Hassett, 39-37; judge Filippo, 40-37.
(09-22-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Javier Marquez, 124, Mexicali, and Rocky Alonso, 125, Guadalajara, fought to a technical draw when Alonso, behind on two of the three judges' cards, was cut by an unintentional Marquez butt in the eighth of a scheduled 10.

Jorge Ramirez, 124, Los Angeles, kayoed less experienced Vincente Juarez, 122, Los Angeles, referee Rudy Jordan intervening at 2:53 of the second in a scheduled six after Juarez had been floored.

Newcomer Tommy Cordova, 125, Albuquerque, impressively stopped Elfago Soso, 122, Los Angeles, referee Jordan halting the fight at 1:52 of the third in a scheduled five after Sosa went down for the second time.

Peter Cunningham, 135, Santa Monica, was a fire-round split decision points winner over Joe Olivera, 135, Pasadena. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 49-47, Cunningham; judge Jordan, 49-46, Cunningham; judge Eddie Fierro, 49-47, Olivera.

Ron Adams, 145, Culver City, unanimously outpointed Norman Gabourel, 146¾, Los Angeles, four. Gabourel was decked in the second.
(09-29-83)

▲**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Former WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver, 218¼,Diamond Bar, slightly ahead on two scorecards and even on the other, knocked out Stan Ward, 230, Sacramento, with five seconds left in the ninth round of a scheduled 15. Referee Chuck Hassett stopped the fight moments after Ward was floored by a barrage of punches to the head. Weaver wore down Ward with body blows, but there was often more mauling than punching. Ward, who had won and lost in two previous bouts with Weaver, was cut by an unintentional butt in the first round, and was hurt by a low blow early in the final frame.

In the best bout of the night, Felipe Canela, 145, Inglewood, stopped game Hedgemon Robertson, 146, Inglewood, to win the vacant California State welterweight championship. Robertson, battered and swollen, had adsorbed considerable punishment in the previous two rounds when referee Lou Moret intervened at 2:25 of the 11th in a scheduled 12.

Eddie (The Animal) Lopez, 214, East Los Angeles, halted Ron Gibbs, 211, San Francisco, the bout being stopped by referee Vince Delgado at 0:20 of the fifth in a scheduled 10 with Gibbs still upright but taking punishment.

Joey Ruiz, 140, Santa Monica, unanimously outpointed Miraho Muto, 139¾, Yokohama, Japan, five. Scoring: referee Delgado, 40-36; judge Hassett, 39-37; judge Moret, 39-37.

Unbeaten Mike Sedillo, 180, Chino, beat Lamont Shumate, 175, Panorama City, referee Delgado stopping the bout at 2:30 of the second in a scheduled four after Shumate had been down twice.

Debuting Tony Chicione, 187, Yorba Linda, kayoed Bobby Mokahuna, 208, Long Beach, referee Moret counting out the much taller Mohajuna at 1:13 of the second in a scheduled four.
(09-30-83)

DEAN LOHUIS

▲**MARIN**—A cynic might say that Andy Nance let his fans down—ending his scheduled 10-round main event at Marin Civic Center in less than two minutes! Just when the customers were getting settled, the 21-year old Nance crashed a right hand into Frankie Moultrie's chin and nearly knocked him into the cheap seats. Referee Jack Campbell stopped the fight at just 1:49 following the third time Moultrie went sprawling to the canvas.

It was a dramatic triumph for Nance, 142, from Marin, who two months earlier suffered his first defeat as a professional when he lost a split decision to rugged Eddie Nuno in Reno. Nance, now 12-1 with eight knockouts, is probably better off because of that loss. Moultrie, who calls himself "Preacherman" and carries a well-used Bible into the ring, figured to be a tough opponent for Nance; bigger, much more experienced, the well traveled Moultrie has a pocketful of loses, but they were laid on him by world-rated fighters. Fortunately, Nance's management kept their faith in him after the setback against Nuno and signed for a stand-up, name opponent.

With just seconds gone in the opening round, both fighters having just reached ring center, Nance stepped in and caught Moultrie with a short right that had good night written all over it. Moultrie, 145½, from Portland, went down hard, but somehow managed to get himself standing upright. The rest was just clean up work for Nance as he easily sent Moultrie to the canvas twice again, using any punch he pleased.

The card was promoted by newcomer Joe Burke, who got his feet wet in the old fashion way, losing money. The tickets were priced at $20 and $10, which was high even for affuent Marin, and though Nance has talent and fan appeal, he has lacked a steady promotion in his hometown. Some 800 paying customers showed up, a decent turnout for his return home, but nothing compared to what he can expect if promoted properly with a few fights in the same area. And possibly, not too far down the road, Nance may earn a bout on national television.

In an eight-round preliminary bout, Gerald Issack, 128, San Francisco, won a unanimous decision over Roland Horman, 127¼, Sacramento. Issack dominated the fight throughout.

In a four-rounder, Adam Marchalaitis, 111, S.F., won a split decision over Jose Luis Hernandez, 111, San Jose.

▲**SAN CARLOS**—Heavyweight Tex Cobb showed up at Circle Star Theater looking like a fugitive from a Weightwatcher's Diet plan. Out of shape, and over 30 pounds overweight, the former title contender plodded his way to a unanimous 10-round decision over Mike Jameson in a main event that clearly underwhelmed the paying customers.

In his last outing, nearly a year ago, Cobb took an all out drumming from WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes over 15 rounds. Working on a Hollywood movie for the past few months, Cobb returned to the ring with the soft fat of Tinseltown hanging out over his trunks, and by the third round he was out of breath and could heve been replaced by a stuntman. Later Cobb admitted that he trained "about a week and not too seriously" for his bout against Jameson.

Referee Rudy Ortega scored the fight 96-94, while judges Marty Sammon and Jack Campbell had it 97-93, and 96-94, respectively. The Ring card had it 98-93, all for the winner. Cobb's record is now 21-3, with his loses coming against 3 world champions, Ken Norton, Michael Dokes, and Larry Holmes.

Jameson, a stand-up brawler, was hardly a shining example of physical fitness, but he got the crowd excited numerous times in the late rounds when he stung Cobb with roundhouse hooks to the face. Jameson, 210, from Cupertino, would have failed to hurt his opponent if he hit 5 times harder. Few fighters in the history of the sport could claim to take a punch better than Tex Cobb. Jameson, his record now 12-6, was in it all the way, and though he was cut over the right eye in the fourth round, he took everything that Cobb dished out. Both fighters met in Cobb's dressing room later, exchanged compliments, shook hands, and decided to go out on the town for drinks after they had showered.

The gate was $15,893, paid by 3713, in a Gordon T. Ashby promotion. Cobb received just $4000, and though he was the name attraction, the best action took place on the undercard.

Steve Acosta, 141, San Jose, stole the show with a third knockout of game Albert Allen, 141½, Los Angeles. Acosta, down early in the third, roared back to wipe out Allen with a two-handed attack.

Gerald Issac, 124, from San Francisco, flattened Gary Spencer, 124, Sacramento, in the sixth of a scheduled eight-rounder. It was a fast, hard fight, lost in the prelims. . Issac slowly took the upper hand, then stunned Spencer with short hooks, setting up the finish.

Zack hewitt, 159, San Francisco, halted Dan Pacquin, 156, Ontario, in four.

Vinnie Hines, 133, San Jose, and Tommy Barrett, 137, San Francisco, fought to a three-round technical draw due to an accidental butt.

▲**SAN FRANCISCO**—A rash of professional boxing cards have graced the Bay Area over the past few months and one of the most recent promotions showed up in a hall that is usually reserved for sleazy music. Instead of a punk concert it was a junior-welterweight 10-round main event at the Kubuki Theater and a near sold-out crowd was at hand to watch Eric "The Prince" Martin breeze to a unanimous decision over game, but outclassed, Roman Delgado.

Novice promoter Jimi Sosa obviously knows what he's doing, and he turned a good profit at a new locale to prove it. A paid crowd of 1321 customers (with tickets priced $5, $10, and $15). left $13, 450 at the gate, encouraging the ambitious Sosa to return with bigger plans.

Eric Martin, 139½, from San Francisco, is one of a dozen new fighters in the Bay Area who over the past year or two has been improving steadily and gaining fan interest. Hardly a knockout specialist, Martin, now 14-2-1, is a slick boxer with good footwork and stamina. Delgado, 137½, from Mexicali, tried his level best, but even when he had Martin backed into a corner he was unable to land any damaging punches against his clever opponent.

Referee Rudy Ortega scored it 100-91, while judges Hank Elespuru and Marshal Walker saw it 99-92, and 100-90, respectively. Martin, ranked second in the state at his weight class, is on a collision course with exciting Andy Nance from Marin county.

In an eight-round preliminary bout, young Butch Gomez looked a year away from becoming a solid gate attraction as he punched the daylights out of Cisco Velez before finishing him off halfway into the second round. Gomez, 134, from Sa;n francisco, has the killer instinct of a shark, and the fans love it. Now 9-0, with six-knockouts, and though just a pro for one year, Gomez dropped Velez, 136, from San Jose, twice with short hooks, and mercifully Velez did not get up the second time.

In a six-rounder, Larry Coranado, 147, San Jose, won a hairline split decision over David Marsala, 147¼, from San Francisco. Marsala was favored, but Coranado, now 4-1, deserved the win while dropping Marsala's record to 4-3.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Leo Benitez, 129½, Santa Rosa, spoiled the pro debut of Freddy Melendez, 130½, San Francisco, earning a unanimous decision over the son of one time main-event preformer Johnny Melendez.

Carlos Rodriquez, 119, San Jose, blasted out Sergio Escobar, 119, Daly City, at 0:48 of the first round in a scheduled four-rounder. It was the pro debut for both fighters and it ended almost immediately after they touched gloves according to custom.

**▲SAN FRANCISCO—**Professional boxing came to Longshoremen's Hall for the first time, but within minutes the show hit rock bottom—only to sink even lower as it went on. Plagued with cancellations, last minute substitutions, mediocre prelims, and two massacres, the entire card lasted just 12½ rounds! There are buses and even streetcorners in this city with a bigger crowd than the 227 paying customers who showed up to watch middleweight Erwin Williams thrash Joe Gonzalez half way into the second of a scheduled 10-round main-event.

Erwin Williams, 160½, from Concord, returned to the ring after a two year layofff and he did not seem thrilled about having to dispose of chronic loser Joe Gonzalez, but—he did it anyway. His record now 18-3, Williams has always been a 'class-act', going back to his long amateur career, and all he needed were a few jabs to measure "Candy Joe", setting him up for a single left hook that knocked him senseless.

The show lost a lot of money, which is insignificant compared to all its other failures. In fairness, promoter Manny Piriano put together a promising undercard that was wiped out just days before the show. But there is no excuse for Gonzalez being put in the main-event, or even allowed in the building without buying a ticket. Gonzalez, 163, from Santa Rosa, has won just one of his last 17 fights, and he wasn't particularly good before that.

All seats were priced at $10, and it is surprising that no one sued for fraud. Promoter Piriano plans to come back at Lorngshoremen's Hall, and it is inconceivable that his next card will be as bad. Even disaster has its limits.

In a six-round preliminary; "Baby" Ray Ordonio, 135, Concord, was getting batting practice with the face of Mike Vega, 134, San Jose, forcing the fight to be stopped after the third round. Ordonio, with just a few pro bouts, showed natural talent in taking apart his opponent.

Four-rounders: Tommy Richardson, 148, Santa Rosa, won a unanimous decision over Kelly Koble, 146, Stockton. Last, and least, Daryle Singleton, 175, San Francisco, was awarded a split decision win over Warren Philips, 176, Sacramento, in the curtain raiser. It was not a memorable fight card. Root canal without novocain would have been preferred.

(10-08-83)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

## ILLINOIS

**▲CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor—**U.S. Olympic champion Lee Roy Murphy, 191, Chicago, TKO'd Keith Allen, 195, Louisville, at 0:39 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Murphy is now 15-0 with 14 knockouts.

Muleman Alexander, 162, Chicago, stopped Steve Williams, 161, Chicago, at 2:34 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Alexander is now 8-2 and ready to move up in class.

Tony Anthony, 219½, Detroit, demolished game but out-of-shape Lynwood Jones, 249, Louisville, in 2:59 of the sixth round in their scheduled eight.

Henry Sims, 176, Chicago, knocked out Willie Jiles, 169½, Galesburg, Illinois, with a terrific body shot in 2:59 of the first round in a slated six.

Four-rounders: Lang McGowan, 143, Davenport, Iowa, won a unanimous decision over Sam Lucas, 144½, Chicago. John Norman, 122, Detroit, eked out a majority nod over Owen Putman, 124½, Chicago. Rico Riccardo, 161, Chicago, won a unanimous verdict over Tyrone Holland, 164, Massillon, Ohio. Joe Starr, 125½, Pekin, Illinois, made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Joe Phillips, 121½, Milwaukee. Mark Banks, 240, Chicago, knocked out Dan Richard, 216½, Belleville, Michigan, in 2:59 of the second.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.
Judges—Mike Glienna, Gerald Hults, Bill Lerch, John Ricci.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Ring Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Ringside Physicians—Glenn Bynum, M.D., and two licensed paramedics.
Promoter—Cedric Kushner.
Attendance—360.

(10-05-83)

**▲CHICAGO—DiVinci Manor—**Two 10-rounders headlined.

Mike Brothers, 177, Chicago, TKO'd Mike Hardin, 180, Troy, Ohio, at 2:20 of the sixth round. Brothers is now 14-2 with seven kayoes.

Louie Mateo, 151, Chicago, halted game but outclassed Ronnie Yoe, 147, Memphis, in 1:36 of round five.

Vic Mobley, 131¼, Gary, Indiana, TKO'd Floyd Smith, 128, Chicago, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Angel Rodriguez, 141, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over debutant Donald Terrell, 141½, Peoria. Jim Finn, 195, Chicago, made it 8-0 with a unanimous verdict over Gene Dyker, 197, Elmhurst, Illinois. Mic Ransom, 161, Chicago, halted Cleo Landrum, 156, Chicago, at 2:57 of the fourth and final round.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Al Preslinger.
Judges—Mike Glienna, Jim LeBel, Bill Lerch, Al Tremari.
Timekeeper—Mike Murphy.
Ring Announcer—Dick Elliott.
Ringside Physicians—Glenn Bynum, M.D., and two licensed paramedics.
Promoter—Ernie Terrell.
Attendance—518.

(10-10-83)

BOB SODERMAN

## NEW JERSEY

**▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Super prospect Joe Manley, with one of the finest pairs of hands in the business, has exhibited just two flaws: tendencies to get nailed with sneak rights over a dropped left hook, and to tire in later rounds. Well, at least the stamina problem appears to be licked, as a special diet has now helped him to three straight commanding knockout victories. This time, Manley, 141, Atlantic City, dominated Al "Earthquake" Carter, 140, Youngstown, with blazing combinations in a scheduled 10. Unable to match Manley's skills, Carter's best chance was to turn it into a brawl. But when he tried to bring Joe's hands down with a body attack, some drifted low, and ref Joe O'Neil was on him like a mother-in-law. After a warning in the fifth, Al protested a little too vehemently, and O'Neil, a real martinet in the ring, stopped the action and laid down the law. Al became so disconcerted, he charged recklessly after Manley, and was dropped by a right counter.

A rocky sixth saw Carter down twice more, nose bloodied, and one eye closing. He mounted a courageous comeback in the seventh, 'til a right staggered him, then a sharp left hook poleaxed him to the canvas. Al made it up, but O'Neil waved it over at 2:21. Carter had to be taken to the hospital, but never lost consciousness and was thankfully released after only an hour. When it was suggested Carter might be a shot fighter, Manley responded, "You can't make him sound worse just because I got better . . . He ain't in my league no more." All Joe has to do now is keep his left up.

Larry McKeever, 133¼, Pearl River, New York, floored Brian DeLeon, 137½, Troy, Ohio, in the first and second, for an impressive K.O. at 2:37, in a scheduled six. Juan Ramon Santana, 144¾, Camden, stopped tough-to-kayo Chester Vaxter, 144¾, Easton, on his feet at 1:35 of the second in their six. Mike Croley, 187¼, Lewisburg, Ohio, via Troy, was too strong for Kevin Denson, 178½, Providence—down in the first and TKO'd at 2:40 of round two in a scheduled four. These bouts reffed by Randy Neumann.

Leon Drummond, 128¼, Easton, and "Jocko" King, 130¾, Phila., warred to a majority draw, six. Murry's vote to Drummond, who probably deserved to win. A flukey knockdown in the fifth gave Gene Clements, 174¼, Boston, a close, unanimous win over "Tee" Carpenter, 176¾, Trenton, six. O'Neil reffed these.

Judges—Richard F. Murry, Frank Cairo, Phil Newman.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum & Ted Menas.
Attendance—SRO, 1400 (est.).

(08-30-83)

**▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—**The vaunted Mike McCallum, regarded by many as the best young prospect in the business, got a workout at the expense of opponent-type Jose Vallejo in a scheduled 10. Seeing that Vallejo was just trying to survive, McCallum, 155, Valley Stream, Long Island, N.Y., put on a steady, though unspectacular, pressure to wear his man down. By the fifth, Vallejo, 150, Santo Domingo, was coming apart. As the action picked up, he nailed McCallum with a solid, desperation right, but lacked the power to turn the fight. With one eye closing, ref Joe Cortez refused to allow Jose out for round six. Manager Emmanuel Steward, never one to exercise restraint when a fighter shows a glimmer of talent, expects Duran to retire following the Hagler bout, with his charge fighting for the vacant WBA jr. middleweight crown, possibly versus James Green, in his next bout. Just what boxing needs; another 20-bout champion fighting for his life in title wars before he's had time to develop his trade.

The co-feature, while it didn't please the bloodthirsty, was made for boxing purists. Reyes Cruz, 144¾, Santo Domingo via Paterson, the guy who last defeated Verderosa, boxed beautifully with his back to the ropes to score a unanimous win over Darryl "Fast Fists" Fuller, 144, Nashville, 10. As if telegraphing wasn't enough, Darryl also charged in snorting to warn Cruz his punches were coming. Reyes just slipped inside to work short counters to body and head. Excellent scoring by judges Thomas Kaczmarek, John Stewart, and Frank Brunette, all at 6-3-1. Tony Perez refereed.

Gary Hinton, 141, Phila., an overlooked talent since he was robbed against "Choo Choo" Brown in the first ESPN tournament, kayoed Steve Mitchell, 138, Girard, OH, at 2:24 of the fifth, scheduled eight. Steve was down in the fourth and fifth. Vinnie Pazienza, 136¼, Cranston, R.I., TKO'd Rafael Alicia, 140, Trenton, who quit at 2:30 of the second, scheduled four. With outstanding amateur credentials, "Paz" is being hailed as the new Mancini, but has yet to impress insiders. Cortez refereed.

Vaughan Hooks, 175, Phila., beat Arthur Hall, 174¾, Irvington, N.J., by majority decision in an exciting six. "Deacon" Brooks, 188, Irvington, won a hard-fought unanimous decision over lefty James Spears, 194, Nashville, six. Perez refereed.

Promoter—Main Event Prod'ns (Dan Duva) & Peltz Boxing.
Matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance—400 (est.)
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.

(08-31-83)

**▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**When a case of hemorrhoids forced Carl Jones to withdraw from his bout with highly-regarded Mark Frazie, and a six-round prelim kid with a half dozen bouts was substituted, most everyone expected a mismatch. It was—only Frazie was, surprisingly, the one outclassed. Southpaw Charlie Boston, 159¼, Trenton, who looked like a puncher in the prelims, teased Mark all night with quick hands and shifty movement. Frazie, 160, Portsmouth, Ohio, ineptly followed Boston around in circles—no cut-off, no body shots, just looking for the right hand bomb, but getting only a fizzle.

The bout was cut to eight with regard to Charlie's lack of experience, and it paid off, as all the movement had Boston a bit weary at the end. Judges Frank Cairo and Joe O'Neil both voted 6-2; Milo Savage, 4-3-1—unanimous for Boston. Rudy Battle refereed. Frazie blamed his loss on lack of experience against left handers. "I'm embarrassed to come all this way and get beat by a guy with six fights," he confessed. Charlie credited his win to recent sparring with Duran. "Roberto has taught me how to slip and move. After training with him, I have a lot more confidence for someone else." Boston has a bright future, if this unexpected windfall doesn't make manager Ken Bogner, Sr. overconfident.

A tough night for the Frazie stable, as Dale Wilburn, 182½, Portsmouth, was destroyed by Stanley Ross, 184½, Phila. A crushing left hook dropped and TKO'd Dale at 2:10 of the first in a scheduled six. Ted Pick refereed.

Sam David, 117½, Phillipsburg, N.J., didn't impress, struggling to a six-round unanimous decision over exhausted but game Hardie Cuffie, 118, Norfolk, who was down in the fourth and fifth. Ref, Battle.

Prospect Reggie Boyer, 155½, Phila., looked sharp TKO'ing Tim Richardson, 160, Trenton, at 0:28 of the fourth in their scheduled six. Tim was down in the third. Ref, Pick.

Andre Sherfield, 155¼, Phila., returned after several years and TKO'd Mike Mobley, 155¼, Phila., at 1:52 of the fourth and last round. Two knockdowns. Ref, Pick.

Promoter/matchmaker—Don Elbaum & Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,200 (est.).
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.

(09-20-83)

**▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel & Casino—**Johnny Bumphus appeared "not ready for Hawk time," as he had his hands full with little-known import Jose Angulo. Both had similar styles—tall and lanky lefthanders, moving boxers without the big punch—but Angulo more methodical and lacking Johnny's verve and imagination. The first four rounds were a dull boxing match, Bumphus, 140½, Tacoma via Clementon, N.J., dominating with the jab. Then in the fifth, Johnny appeared to have sized up his man, went flat-footed and floored Jose with a right-left combo. But Angulo, 141, Colombia, proved stubborn. Despite a battering and a closing right eye in the sixth, he came back to nearly shut Johnny's right eye in the seventh.

The eighth had Bumphus again going for the finisher. With the Colombian propped in a corner taking stick, ref Zack Clayton was ready to stop it—until Jose lashed out at his tormentor with a desperation left that rocked Johnny to his heels. Bumphus was hurt, but boxed his way out of it well, while giving Angulo a stay of execution. Johnny later admitted, ironically, ". . . a guy like that can be dangerous sometimes. He gets wild and heavyhanded. I don't want to take a chance and get hit with a lucky punch." The end came at 2:02 of the 10th and final round. A sweeping right cross spun Jose into the ropes, with Zack jumping quickly between the fighters to rule a TKO and save the dazed Angulo from possible injury.

In the companion 10, Freddie Brown, 168½, Norfolk, showing he hasn't learned to jab in some 50 bouts, couldn't keep off rugged David Sears, 175¼, Howard Beach, N.Y. Ref Frank Cappuc-

# NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION (AS OF OCTOBER 20, 1983)

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
1. Mike Weaver (California)
2. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
3. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
4. David Bey (Pennsylvania)
5. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
6. Trevor Berbick (Nova Scotia)
7. Jeff Sims (Florida)
8. Mitchell Green (New York)
9. John Tate (Tennessee)
10. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
11. Eddie Lopez (California)
12. James Broad (New Jersey)
13. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
14. James (Quick) Tillis (Illinois)
15. James Douglas (Ohio)

**CRUISERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Leon Spinks (Missouri)
1. Randy Stephens (Ohio)
2. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
3. Anthony Davis (California)
4. Richie Kates (New Jersey)
5. Young Joe Louis (Illinois)
6. Henry Hearns (California)
7. Bashiru Ali (California)
8. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
9. S.T. Gordon (Nevada)
10. Jesse Burnett (California)
11. Stanley Ross (Pennsylvania)
12. Elijah Tillery (New York)
13. Vic Valentino (New Jersey)
14. Tony Green (Florida)
15. Michael Greer (Tennessee)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. Dwight M. Qawy (New Jersey)
2. Pete McIntyre (California)
3. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
4. John Davis (New York)
5. Charles Singleton (Pennsylvania)
6. Roddie MacDonald (Ontario)
7. Euclides Valdez (New York)
8. Jerome Clouden (Louisiana)
9. Eric Winbush (New York)
10. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
11. Dale Grant (Oregon)
12. Leon Taylor (New York)
13. James Salerno (Florida)
14. Niua Tofaeono (California)
15. Mike Rossman (New Jersey)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
1. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)
4. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
5. James Kinchen (California)
6. John Collins (Illinois)
7. J.B. Williamson (California)
8. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
9. Murray Sutherland (Michigan)
10. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
11. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
12. Alex Ramos (New York)
13. Doug DeWitt (New York)
14. Mike Tinley (New Jersey)
15. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
David Braxton (Michigan)
1. Mike McCallum (New York)
2. James Green (New Jersey)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. Fred Hutchings (California)
5. Earl Hargrove (Pennsylvania)
6. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
7. Mark Maldonado (New Jersey)
8. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
9. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
10. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
11. Don King (Indiana)
12. Mardo Royball (California)
13. Billy Collins (Tennessee)
14. Larry Martin (Kansas)
15. Calvin Porter (Pennsylvania)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
1. Milton Guest (New York)
2. Darrell Chambers (Michigan)
3. Mario Cusson (Quebec)
4. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
5. Floyd Mayweather (Michigan)
6. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
7. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
8. Pedro Villela (New York)
9. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
10. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
11. Lanny Edmond (Michigan)
12. Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
13. Robert Rucker (New York)
14. Cisco Ortega (Mexico)
15. Pablo Baez (California)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
2. Howard Davis (New York)
3. Saoul Mamby (New York)
4. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
5. Steve Hearon (Texas)
6. Billy Costello (New York)
7. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
8. Harry Arroyo (Texas)
9. Reyes Cruz (New Jersey)
10. Joe Manley (New Jersey)
11. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
12. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
13. Freddie Reyes (Pennsylvania)
14. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
15. Sal Lopez (California)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
1. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
2. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
3. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania
4. Robin Blake (Texas)
5. Alvin Hayes (MIchigan)
6. Julio Chavez (Mexico)
7. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
8. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
9. Steve Romero (California)
10. Nick Furlano (Ontario)
11. Tony Baltazar (California)
12. Irieis Perez (California)
13. John Montes (California)
14. Sergio Medina (Mexico)
15. Arturo Frias (California)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Rolando Navarette (Hawaii)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
5. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
6. Frankie Baltazar (California)
7. Margarito Marquez (Texas)
8. Tony Santana (New York)
9. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
10. Guy Villegas (Oregon)
11. Rafael (Bazooka) Limon (Mexico)
12. Louie Burke (New Mexico)
13. Efrain Nieves (Wisconsin)
14. Greg Coverson (Michigan)
15. Freddie Roach (Nevada)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Jackie Beard (Michigan)
1. Jose Caba (Hawaii)
2. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Ruben Castillo (California)
5. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
6. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
7. Paul DeVorce (New York)
8. Irving Mitchell (California)
9. Jorge (Rocky) Garcia (Calif.)
10. Tony Salvatore (Quebec)
11. Steve Cruz (Texas)
12. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
13. Adrian Arreola (California)
14. Mario Martinez (Mexicó)
15. Justo Garcia (Mexico)

**JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
2. Antonio de las Paz (Mexico)
3. Ricardo Varella (California)
4. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)
5. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
6. Martin Castro (Mexico)
7. Joaquin Acuna (Mexico)
8. Carmelo Negron (New York)
9. Celso Munoz (Mexico)
10. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
11. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
12. Hector Cortez (New York)
13. Roberto Rubladino (Mexico)
14. Juan Veloz (New York)
15. Pascual Arranda (Texas)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Harold Petty (Louisiana)
1. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
2. Richard Sandoval (California)
3. Oscar Muniz (California)
4. Hurley Sneed (Michigan)
5. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
6. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
9. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
10. James Manning (Oregon)
11. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
12. George Garcia (California)
13. Rodolfo Martinez (Mexico)
14. Wayne Lynum (Illinois)
15. Sergio Castro (California)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Mario Savalla (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Eleoncio Mercedes (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Candido Tellez (Mexico)
6. Gustavos Espadas (Mexico)
7. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
8. Ian Clyde (Ontario)
9. Mario Gonzales (Mexico)
10. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
11. Jose Gallegos (Mexico)
12. Ernesto Guevara (Mexico)
13. Armando Cordova (Mexico)
14. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
15. Raul Valdez (Mexico)

**JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Joey Olivo (California)
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
4. Luis Hernandez (Mexico)
5. Amado Ursua (Mexico)
6. Javier Davila (Mexico)
7. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
8. Aaron Garcia (Mexico)
9. Fili Gonzalez (Mexico)
10. Pedro Rabago (Mexico)
11. Baby Luis (Mexico)
12. Ricardo Sosa (Mexico)
13. Juan Manuel Rios (Mexico)
14. Eduardo Acosta (Mexico)
15. Alejandro Flores (Mexico)

USBA champions: Greg Page (heavyweight), Marvin Camel (cruiserweight), Eddie Davis (light heavyweight), Wilford Scypion (middleweight), Duane Thomas (junior middleweight), Johnny Bumphus (junior welterweight), Jimmy Paul (lightweight), Refugio Rojas (junior lightweight), Gaby Canizales (bantamweight).

cino finally halted the drubbing, with Sears winning by a TKO at 2:51 of the ninth.

Lionel Byarm's disdain for defense finally caught up to him, as tenacious Arthur Hall, 176¾, Irvington, shook off some bombs and kept punching to upset Byarm, 177¼, Phila., by unanimous call, eight. Cappuccino refereed.

Calvin Grove, 128½, Coatesville, PA, TKO'd nothing much in Victor Del Rio, 127½, Dom. Rep., with two knockdowns in the second. Victor not out for round three of eight. Ref Cappuccino.

Gary Roemhilde, 161½, Phila., TKO'd Dave Dorbat, 160½, Hartford, who was no doormat, putting up a scrap before failing to come out for the fourth and last round. Zack refereed.

Judges—Wm. Kostrub, Frank Brunette, & Ray Hoagland.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Event Prod'ns) & Peltz Boxing.
Matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz.
Attendance—350 (est.).
(09-22-83)

▲**NEWARK—Symphony Hall—**This struggling promotion gained some ground, with an excellent card and improved attendance, aided by free tickets to senior citizens. Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 156, Newark, seems always in a close fight. He edged out a majority decision over Jerry Holley, 159, now out of Vineland under Carmine Graziano, 10. Walker was the aggressor in the always-close contest, while Jerry circled away and countered well. Judge Ernie Durando voted a draw (5-5), while Al DeVito (5-4-1) and Ted Pick (5-3-2) scored for Walker. Paul Venti refereed.

In the co-feature, touted Charley Singleton, 179, Phila., got more than he wanted from circuit loser Darnell Hayes, 181½, Columbus, Ohio. In a brutal struggle, Singleton started slow, then seemed to gain control when he bloodied Hayes' nose and closed one eye. But the dauntless Hayes paid him back, bloodying Charley's mouth and backing him up in the second half while shaking off a wrecking-ball right in the eighth. Both fighters were spent in the 10th. Awaiting the decision, Hayes circled the ring muttering, "Don't rob me. Please don't rob me." But while Pick voted for him, 6-2-2, Durando (6-4) and DeVito (5-4-1) awarded the split call to Singleton. A draw might have been better. Randy Neumann reffed.

Rufus Hadley, 224¼, Detroit, swished around the ring, then stopped a tiring Greg Stepheny, 225¼, Brooklyn, at 2:47 of the third in a scheduled six. One knockdown. Ref, Neumann.

Jesse Ferguson, 206¼, Phila., halted James Holmes, 196¼, Bklyn., who was sent reeling into the ropes at 2:37 of the third in a scheduled six. Ref, Venti.

Harold (Shakem) Cantave, 137¼, Brooklyn, looked sharp TKOing David (Bang Bang) Browning, 134¼, Houston, at 1:05 of the second of four. Browning down once in the first and twice in the second. Neumann reffed.

David Savage, 152, Phila., TKO'd Artis Latham, 147½, Stamford, Conn., on his feet at 2:24 of the second in a scheduled four. Venti reffed.

Zafir Rasheed, 136½, NYC, dropped and TKO'd Felix Thauriaux, 135, Jersey City, at 2:34 of the second in their scheduled four. Ref, Venti.

Valentino Espinosa, 117, Newark, drubbed Julio Abreu, 124, Union City, by unanimous verdict, four. Neumann reffed.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer—Jim Byrd.
Promoter—Murad Muhammad & Newark PAL.
Matchmaker—Al Certo.
Attendance—700. Gross—$6,000 (est.).
(09-29-83)

J. R. JOWETT

## NEW YORK

▲**NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum —** Gino Perez, 24, was knocked out in the seventh round by Juan Ramon (Bambino) Cruz and died six days later.

The scheduled 10-rounder had been fairly even through the first six frames, though Perez had been knocked down in the fourth. Cruz floored him again in the seventh, and referee Charley Norkus stopped the fight when the Bambino launched another assault along the ropes. A final punch crashed home a second after Norkus stopped the contest. It was apparent, however, that Cruz did not know the bout had been stopped when he threw it.

Gino was helped back to his corner. A few moments later, he stood up and tried to walk across the ring to congratulate Cruz. Gino never made it, though, collapsing in mid-ring. He was removed on a stretcher and died at 10:20 a.m. on October 6 at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York.

The time of the stoppage was 1:54. Cruz weighed 135 and Perez 134.

Cruz is now 11-1 with 10 knockouts. Perez, who had, ironically, killed Fred Bowman in a 1981 fight in Atlantic City, finished up with a 13-2-1 (10 kayoes) record.

Southpaw Pedro Vilella, 144, New York, won a lacklustre unanimous decision over Robert Adams, 147½, Philadelphia, 10. Scoring: Carol Castellano and Artie Levine, both 10-0; Bernie Friedkin, 7-3. Arthur Mercante, referee. Vilella is now 15-0-1 with five stoppages. Adams is 11-7-1 with five kayoes.

James (Buddy) McGirt, 145, Brentwood, Long Island, New York, knocked out Larry Fleming, 145½, Cincinnati, in 2:26 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Sid Rubenstein, referee. McGirt is now 10-0-1 with nine kayoes. Fleming is 6-7 with four knockouts.

Kenny Styles, 160, New York, won a controversial unanimous decision over Jamal Arbubakrr, 162½, Newark, New Jersey, eight. Scoring: Castellano, 4-3-1 in rounds for Styles, but 5-4 in points, Arbubakrr; Friedkin, 5-3 (5-5); Levine, 6-2 (6-4). Arthur Mercante, referee. Styles was down in the first and seventh.

Raul Albaladejo, 129½, Brooklyn, won a unanimous verdict over Jamie Rentals, 128, Puerto Rico, six. Scoring: Castellano, 4-1-1; Friedkin, 4-2; Levine, 6-0 (8-0). Sid Rubenstein, referee.

Arthur Anthony Holt, 159½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Darrell Chapman, 162, Newark, at 2:49 of the third round in their scheduled six. Charley Norkus, referee.

Tony Arneaud, 148, Brooklyn, won a majority duke over Sylvan

Miles, 147, New Rochelle, New York, in the opening four. Scoring: Castellano, 2-1-1; Friedkin, 2-2; Levine, 3-1. Jim Santa, referee.
Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
Ring announcer—Marvin Goldberg.
(09-30-83)

▲**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Eddie Gregg, 214, Kew Garden, New York, the house heavyweight, TKO'd Danny Sutton, 211, a nothing much southpaw from Spartanburg, South Carolina, at 2:34 of the fourth round in the scheduled 10-round main event.
Greg is now 17-0-1 with 15 kayoes. Sutton is supposedly 22-4-1 with 16 knockouts. Larry Hazzard, referee.
Classy Harlemite Robert (Pee Wee) Rucker, 145½, TKO'd Billy Parks, 143, New Orleans, at 2:04 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Referee Johnny Colan stopped the contest after Parks was floored. Scoring after eight: Edward Post Esposti, 3-3-2; Victor Suarez, 4-2-2, Rucker; Ted Wint, 5-3, Parks. Rucker is now 28-1 with 15 kayoes. Parks is 23-3-4 with 14 knockouts.
Esteban Pizarro, 163, Puerto Rico, and Russell Kain, 162½, Staten Island, drew, 10. Scoring: Post Esposti, 5-3-2 (5-4), Pizarro; Suarez, 6-3-1, Kain; Wint, 5-5. Herb Kronowitz, referee.
Elijah Muhammad, 125, Newark, won a unanimous (8-0, 5-1-2, 5-3) decision over Jimmy Magnifico, 129, Hackensack, eight. Herb Kronowitz, referee.
Andy (The Cat) Schott, 161, Brooklyn, TKO'd Earl (The Magician) Ayers, 158, Jersey City, at 2:02 of the third round in a scheduled six. Referee Colan stopped the bout after Ayers was floored.
James Singleton, 149½, won a split (3-2-1, 2-3-1, 4-2) decision over Santos Vilella, 141, Bronx, six. Larry Hazzard, referee.
Al Santana, 146, Ponce, Puerto Rico (now living in New York) won a split decision over Chris Mazzola, 147, Staten Island, in the opening four. Scoring: Post Esposti, 4-1-1, Mazzola; Suarez, 4-2, Santana; Wint, 3-2-1 (4-3), Santana. Herb Kronowitz, referee.
Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.
(10-14-83)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

## OREGON

▲**PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel**—Harold Petty, 118, retained his NABF bantamweight title with a split decision over James (Sweet Baby) Manning, 117, Springfield, Oregon, 12. Scoring: Dave Moretti (Nevada), 116-112, Petty; George Robinson (Oregon), 119-111, Petty; Paul Weitzel (Oregon), 115-113, Manning. Petty won 11 of 12 rounds, and Weitzel's scorecard showed that he'd deducted points from Petty for low blows not called by referee Bill Thornberg. The Portland Boxing Commission is taking steps to prevent such irregularities in the future.
Lorenzo Ramirez, 124, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Alcivar, 127, Los Angeles, eight.
Herb Johnson, 150, Seattle, outscored Ray Garcia, 141, Caldwell, Idaho, four.
Tony Thomas, 145, Portland, TKO'd Vince Dunfee, 146, Montana, at 1:39 of the third round in a scheduled eight.
Phil Sawyer, 152, Fort Worth, Texas, kayoed Carl Owens, 145, Seattle, in 2:46 of the first.
Referees—Bill Thornberg, Jim Cassidy.
Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel. (Dave Moretti only worked the NABF title bout.)
Promoter—Dolores McNally/Sports Attractions.
Attendance—1,650. Gross—$32,550.
(09-22-83)

▲**PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel**—Guy Villegas, 130, Eugene, Oregon, won a unanimous decision over sub Andreas Felix, also 130, Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico, 10.
Delbert Williams, 160, Portland, Oregon, flattened I.W. Johnson, 160½, San Jose, Calif., in 2:23 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Williams was suspended for 60 days for Unsportsmanlike Conduct—a superfluous left hook to the chin while Johnson was flat on the deck.
Alex DeLucia, 179, Portland, TKO'd LeRoy James, 176, Seattle, at 2:08 of the second in a scheduled six.
Rene Garcia, 134½, Portland, TKO'd Jack Lieffer, 135, Portland, at 2:09 of the second in a scheduled four.
Bruce Dowers, 187, Portland, TKO'd Henry Jenkins, 174, Seattle, at 2:36 of the fourth and final round.
Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.
Judges—Ben Laford, Bob Lorry, Paul Weitzel.
Promoter—Dolores McNally/Sports Attractions.
Attendance—905. Gross—$9,100.
(10-13-83)

▲**EUGENE—Lane County Fairgrounds**—Last minute scratches turned this into a three-bout program.
Pat Jefferson, 141, formerly of South Dakota but now boxing out of Eugene, won a unanimous decision over Thomas Chavez, 142, Los Angeles, 10.
Laurie Mann, 144, Vancouver, B.C., TKO'd Carlos Hernandez, 134, Los Angeles, at 2:11 of the second in their scheduled 10-rounder. The ref called a halt after Hernandez went down three times in the fatal session.
Tony Thomas, 147, Portland, TKO'd Raphael Nunez, 152, Los Angeles, at 1:37 of the second round in another scheduled 10.
All the L.A. fighters were booked and/or managed by Ismael Rivera.
S Productions.
(10-15-83)

KATHERINE DUNN

## PENNSYLVANIA

▲**SCRANTON—Catholic Youth Center**—Mark Holmes, 162, Easton, Pa., halted Sammy Leonard, 155, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with a booming right at 1:29 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Buddy Rush, referee. Holmes is now 25-0.
James Shuler, 160, Philadelphia, stopped Wilbur Henderson, 161½, Hartford, at 1:59 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Jon McHale, referee. Shuler is now 19-0.
Matt O'Malley, 139, Scranton, TKO'd Eddie Robinson, 134, Paterson, N.J., at 2:59 of the third round in a scheduled six. Joe Salci, referee.
Mike Garrahan, 228, Huntington, New York, TKO'd Lee Smith, 228, Chesapeake, Va., at 1:40 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Buddy Rush, referee.
Johnny Pough, 146, Paterson, halted James Whitfield, 142, Philadelphia, at 2:02 of the first round in a scheduled four. Joe Salci, referee.
Lou Del Vecchio's Prime Time Productions.
Attendance—770. Gross—$7,064.
(09-28-83)

JIM LEO

# MEXICO

## BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲**TIJUANA**—Ramon Marchena, 124, stopped Guillermo Vallejo, 125, in four.
(08-08-83)

▲**TIJUANA**—Luis Fernando (Pringa) Hernandez, 113, TKO'd former WBC flyweight champion Freddie Castillo, 115, in three. Antonio (Chino) Benitez, 112, outscored Jose Manuel Diaz, 113, 10.
(08-15-83)

▲**TIJUANA**—David (Maceton) Cabrera, 178, TKO'd Troy Vaughn, 176, in one. Gerardo (Cholo) Hernandez, 117, TKO'd Jose (Pechuca) Valdez, 118, in one. Freddie Santos, 134, TKO'd Jorge de Alba, 135, in four.
(08-29-83)

## CHIAPAS

▲**TAPACHULA**—Costeno Gonzalez, 124, outscored Gilberto Espinosa, 125, 10. Erasmo Arreola, 117, outpointed Camarita Ferrera, also 117, 10.
(08-12-83)

▲**TAPACHULA**—Francisco Santillan, 135, and Arturo Bautista, also 135, had their scheduled 10 declared no contest in round eight. Alfredo Castilla, 118, outscored Roque Manzanilla, 119, 10. Torito Gomez, 125, outpointed Joaquin Galeana, also 125, eight.
(08-26-83)

## CHIHUAHUA

▲**JUAREZ**—Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez, 136, outscored Agustin (Canguro) Estrada, 135, 10. Jose Angel Cazares, 118, outpointed Juan Alvarez, also 118, 10. Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 121, outpointed Santos Moreno, 122, 10.
(08-19-83)

## FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Jose Duarte, 162, TKO'd Andres (Pantera) Ramirez, 162, in five. Luciano Fernandez, 147, TKO'd Jesus Hernandez, 146, in six. Francisco Ruiz, 145, TKO'd Arturo Gomez, 146, in two. Ruben Rivera, 122, TKO'd Pastor Estrada, also 122, in three. Salvador Cardenas, 125, TKO'd Vicente Velazco, 124, in two.
(08-06-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Mario Olmedo, 147, TKO'd Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 145, in seven. Reynaldo Garcia, 108, TKO'd Ramon Lopez, 107, in four. Noe Garcia, 125, and Felipe Olmos, also 125, drew, six. Jaime Tenopala, 108, outscored Raul Quiroga, also 108, four. Joaquin Hernandez, 111, iced Adrian Gonzalez, 112, in one.
(08-10-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Bernardo (Batallador) Ibarra, 111, TKO'd Jesus Tejeda, also 111, in six. Antonio Lopez, 109, stopped Alfonso Rivera, 108, in three. Ernesto Guzman, 118, outscored Angel Vasquez, 117, six. Agustin Jimenez, 134, TKO's Eleuterio Vargas, 135, in one. Javier Varela, 135, TKO'd Clemente Sanchez, 136.
(08-17-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Felix Rodriguez, 125, Panama, outpointed Jaime (Conejo) Casas, 126, 10. Victor Martinez, 135, TKO'd Agustin Resendiz, 136, in two. Nino Alonso, 117, TKO'd Enrique Ursua, 118, in six. Oscar Moreno, 108, outpointed Rodolfo Ramirez, also 108, six. Alejandro Soto, 125, outscored Humberto Ferrer, 126, four.
(08-20-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Sergio Sanchez, 150, TKO'd Adolfo Sanjeado, 149, in the first round. Ramon (Chopa) Ortiz, 111, outscored Angel Ortega, 112, 10. Alberto Contreras, 119, TKO'd Eduardo Rojas, 117, in two. Higinio Soriano, 159, TKO'd Adrian Guzman, 161, in one. Javier Varela, 117, TKO'd Raul Perez, 118, in two.
(08-27-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Abel Cordoba, 162, TKO'd Pedro (Canon) Diaz, 159, in one. Gerardo Pena, 125, TKO'd Santos Rodriguez, also 125, in eight. Agustin Vicenteno, 135, TKO'd Rigoberto Herrera, 136, in one. Pedro Barajas, 108, TKO'd Antonio Escamilla, 107, in three. Marcelo Nino, 125, outpoined Pioquinto Aguilar, 126, four.
(08-31-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Bonifacio Flores, 126, TKO'd Agustin Macias, 125, in six. Juan Atilano, 117, outpointed Javier Hernandez, also 117, 10. Antonio Diaz, 137, TKO'd Jose Manuel Herrera, 135, in one. Pedro Gatica, 117, stopped Ricardo Rico, 118, in two. Raul Peregrino, 135, TKO'd Oliverio Ojeda, 134, in one.
(09-03-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Bernardo (Batallador) Ibarra, 111, and Rafael (Raton) Alonso, also 111, drew, 10. Juan Jimenez, 125, knocked out Saul Linares, also 125, in three. Valente Flores, 111, halted Ciro Armemgolt, 112, in one. Albino Moanchel, 136, outscored Felipe del Campo, 135, six. Norberto Bueno, 134, kayoed Ernesto Villalba, 135, in two.
(09-10-83)

## DURANGO

▲**DURANGO**—Primo Ramos, 135, TKO'd Tony (Kid Laredo) Perez, 136, in five. Jesus (Chiquilin) Godoy, 114, TKO'd Juan Menchaca, 116, in two.
(08-12-83)

## GUERRERO

▲**ACAPULCO**—Agustin (Frijol) Macias, 111, TKO'd Ruben Hernandez, also 111, in four. Calderon Nino, 134, kayoed Pedro Bernal, 135, in one. Santo de los Santos, 109, won by a disqualification over Francisco Solano, 108, in one. Cesar Bello, 111, outscored Ariel Castrejon, also 111, six. Angel Mancilla, 113, outpointed Ray Cisneros, 112, four.
(08-12-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Francisco Montes, 111, TKO'd Lucio del Rio, 112, in one. Nicolas Reyes, 118, TKO'd Antonio Ramirez, 119, in two. Macario Santos, 108, outpointed Gregorio Zamora, also 108, six.
(08-19-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Miguel (Huracan) Juarez, 118, outscored Eugenio Morgan, 117, 10. Feliciano Soto, 135, TKO'd Julio (Latigo) Mendoza, 134, in five. Conachin Mendoza won a technical decision over Kid Calderon in four. Arturo Campos, 117, TKO'd Santos Echeverria, also 117, in two. Antonio Palacios, 112, outpointed Sotelo Becerra, 110, six.
(08-26-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Isidro Perez, 108, kayoed Emilio Santos, also 108, in six. Ismael Benitez, 111, knocked out Mario Romero, 112, in two.
(09-02-83)

## HIDALGO

▲**IXMIQUILPAN**—Memo Miranda, 128, kayoed Donaciano Garcia, 129, in one. Jose Angel Jimenez, 126, knocked out Angel Ledezma, 125, in two. Pedro Mendoza, 119, halted Cruz Valdez, 118, in two.
(08-13-83)

## SINALOA

▲**CULIACAN**—Jose Luis Millan, 147, outscored Gil Canchola, also 147, 10.
(08-19-83)

▲**CULIACAN**—Carlos Mendoza, 125, Panama, TKO'd Juan Antonio Lopez, 124, in seven.
(08-12-83)

▲**MAZATLAN**—Celso (Estudiante) Munoz, 125, won by a disqualification over Roberto (Kid) Rubaldino, 124, in two. Joel Meza Patron, 117, kayoed Roberto (Chino) Martinez, 118, in four. Elpidio Infante, 125, TKO'd Raul (Papayo) Valdez, also 125, in eight. Miguel Angel Dominguez, 147, TKO'd Jose Alberto Ruelas, 146, in eight.
(08-28-83)

## SONORA

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON**—Francisco (Cochulito) Montiel, 108, retained his Mexican junior flyweight title by outpointing Pedro Rabago, 12.
(08-12-83)

▲**GUAYMAS**—Cenobio Nicolas, 125, lost by a disqualification to Javier Dominguez, 124, in five.
(08-26-83)

▲**HERMOSILLO**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 125, outscored Norberto Cabrera, also 125, 10. Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez, 117, TKO'd Zorrita Lopez, 118, in five. Alberto (Hungaro) Martinez, 117, outpointed Enrique Aguilar, 118, 10.
(09-02-83)

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# SOUTH AMERICA

# ARGENTINA

▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Unbeaten bantamweight Oscar (Rocky) Flores outpointed Roberto Condori, 10.
(08-03-83)

▲**SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE**—In the main ski resort of the country, Chilean citizen—born in Argentina—Hector (Yeye) Hernandez outpointed Carlos Velazquez, 10, junior middleweights. Yeye had said good-bye to active boxing one year ago, vacating the Continental American welterweight title. He is the elder brother of junior welterweight hope Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez and was also in posession of Argentine and South American crowns in the latter weight class. Now he has returned.
(08-05-83)

▲**RIO CUARTO**—Light heavyweight Victor Robledo outpointed Aldo Carmona, 10.
(08-05-83)

▲**FORMOSA**—Locally based middleweight Jorge Valentinuzzi continued his winning streak by knocking out Juan Carlos Ceballos in the fifth.
(08-05-83)

▲**MAR DEL PLATA**—Junior flyweight Miguel Angel Lazarte outclassed Juan Ivalo, 10.
(08-05-83)

▲**SAN NICOLAS**—Horacio Albers outpointed Hector Patri, 10, flyweights.
(08-05-83)

▲**SANTA FE**—Argentine junior flyweight champion, Mario Demarco halted Hugo Fernandez in the socond.
(08-05-83)

## EUROPEAN RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
2. Frank Bruno (England)
3. Joe Bugner (England)
4. David Pearce (Wales)
5. Sylvain Watbled (France)
6. Mary Konate (France)
7. Daniel Laghi (Italy)
8. Anders Eklund (Sweden)
9. John L. Gardner (England)
10. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Holland)
1. Richard Caramanolis (France)
2. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
3. Tom Collins (England)
4. Rufino Angulo (France)
5. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
6. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
7. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
8. Dennis Andries (England)
9. Hocine Tafer (France)
10. Devon Bailey (England)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Louis Acaires (France)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Mark Kaylor (England)
3. Roy Gumbs (England)
4. Stephane Ferrara (France)
5. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
6. Aldo Buzzetti (Italy)
7. Frank Winterstein (France)
8. Georg Steinherr (Germany)
9. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
10. Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)

**JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Germain Le Maitre (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Ernesto Ros (Italy)
5. Prince Rodney (England)
6. Jimmy Batten (England)
7. Jimmy Cable (England)
8. Nick Wilshire (England)
9. Daniel Zappaterra (Italy)
10. Richard Rodriguez (France)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Championship
Vacant
1. Colin Jones (Wales)
2. Kirkland Laing (England)
3. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
4. Gilles Elbilia (France)
5. Everaldo Costa (Italy)
6. Jo Kimpuani (France)
7. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
8. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
9. Claude Lancastre (France)
10. Perico Fernandez (Spain)

**JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Giovanni Gimenez (Italy)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Ramon Gomez-Fouz (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
5. Terry Marsh (England)
6. Roberto Gambini (France)
7. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
8. Michel Giroud (Switzerland)
9. Bruno Simili (Italy)
10. Ted Nkalankete (France)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lucio Cusma (Italy)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Rene Weller (Germany)
3. Ray Cattouse (England)
4. Joey Gibilisco (Italy)
5. Tony Willis (England)
6. Sebastian Sotgia (Italy)
7. Jose A. Garcia (Spain)
8. Winston Spencer (England)
9. Charles Jurietti (France)
10. Bruno De Montis (Italy)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
3. Carlos Hernandez (France)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
6. Lorenzo Paciullo (Italy)
7. Marco Gallo (Italy)
8. Carlos M. Rodriguez (Spain)
9. Antoine Curti (France)
10. Amalio Galan (Spain)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Vacant
1. Loris Stecca (Italy)
2. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
3. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
4. Steve Sims (Wales)
5. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
6. Valerio Nati (Italy)
7. Kamel Djadda (France)
8. Giuseppe La Vite (Italy)
9. Frank Lussi (France)
10. Esteban Eguia (Spain)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
1. Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
2. Davey Larmour (Ireland)
3. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
4. John Feeney (England)
5. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
6. Jose Antunez (Spain)
7. Luis De La Sagra (Spain)
8. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
9. Peter Jones (Wales)
10. Ray Gilbody (England)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Antoine Montero (France)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Keith Wallace (England)
3. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
4. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
5. Gianpiero Pinna (Italy)
6. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
7. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
8. Enrique Rodriguez (Spain)
9. Duke McKenzie (England)
10. Mario Bitetto (Italy)

# EUROPE

## BELGIUM

▲**OOSTROZEBEKE**—Jean Marc Renard, the top prospect in Belgium, returned to action with a points victory over John Sharkey of England, eight. Renard is waiting for a shot at the European featherweight title.

Hendryk Seys retained his Belgian light heavyweight title when Luc Goossens retired at the start of the sixth. Goossens was badly bitten in the hand by his dog only a few days before the fight and the wound reopened during the bout. He should never have been allowed in the ring.

Middleweight Filip Seys outpointed Chaed Ringo, six.

Henk Van Den Tak, Holland, outpointed Marnix Heytens in a light middlweight six.
(09-24-83)

## FRANCE

▲**NIMES**—The Mauritanian heavyweight, Toufik Balbouli, outpointed Marice Gomes, eight.
(08-06-83)

## ITALY

▲**CORNUDA**—In lightweight bouts, Sebastiano Sotgia won when Joe Massa retired in round in round seven, and Charles Ssali outpointed Mbuta Muvnadiambu, six.
(07-15-83)

▲**COLORNO**—Junior lightweight Salvatore Curcetti outpointed Andrea Ricci, six.

Light welterweight Rosario Casartelli outpointed Antonio Germano, six.
(07-15-83)

▲**VELLETRI**—Richard Sake, Uganda, beat Marco Boero who was disqualified in the third round of their junior-lightweight contest.

Lightweight Samuel Serunjogi outpointed Luigi Curcetti, eight.
(07-16-83)

▲**MESSINA**—The former Italian amateur champion, Giovanni De Marco beat Paul Muyodi who was disqualified in the third round of their middleweight bout. The 24-year-old De Marco now has a 9-0 record.
(07-16-83)

▲**CECCANO**—Light welterweight prospect Giuliano Antonucci scored his eighth win by outpointing over Sid Conteh.
(07-16-83)

▲**SALERNO**—Light heavyweight Gabriele Lazzari drew with Luigi Di Lauro, six.
(07-16-83)

▲**ROME**—Welterweight star Nino La Rocca outscored Pete Ranzany, 10.

Sumba Kalambay outpointed Jimmy Sykes (U.S.) eight. The 27-year-old middleweight now has a 24-1-1 record.

Featherweight Fabbio Tavarnelli outpointed Mario Ficano, six.

Salvatore Bottiglieri lost his unbeaten record when he was disqualified in the first round of his bout with featherweight Luciano Frasca for a low punch.

Olympic Gold Medalist Slobodan Kacar scored his fourth pro win by outpointing Juan A Barrera, Uruguay, six. The Yugoslavian light heavyweight is now working with Angelo Dundee in Miami.

Argentinian heavyweight Daniel Falconi flattened Rinaldo Pelizzaro in the first round. The 25-year-old Falconi has won nine in a row with seven kayoes.

Light middleweight Calisto Bavaresco outpointed Domenico Ricci, six.
(07-24-83)

▲**COPPARO**—Ernesto Ros retained his Italian light middleweight title by stopping ex-champion Daniele Zappaterra in the seventh.

Angelo (Boom Boom) Liquori flopped badly; he could only draw with mediocre Muyanda Kia Folly in a light middleweight six.

Middleweight Boutangi Nzolameso outpointed Rinaldo, six.
(07-27-83)

▲**SOLEMNIS**—Efisio Galici outpointed Franco Callegari in a light middleweight six.

Middleweight Mabobo Kamunga outscored Antonio Cresenza, six.
(07-27-83)

▲**CASALE MARITTIMO**—In lightweight bouts, Abdel Arrob beat Kumba Kalencia, who retired in the fourth, and Claudio Nitti outpointed Angelo Quintavalle, six.
(07-29-83)

▲**MARCIANISE**—Middleweight Domenico Raucci outpointed Mayele Mabele, six.
(07-30-83)

▲**KAPALLO**—In a dull bout, Patrizio Oliva retained the European light welterweight title with a 12-round points win over former champion Antonio Guinaldo of Spain. The 24-year-old Olympic Gold Medalist now has a 29-0 record, Guinaldo's score dropped to 43-6-1.

▲**CORDOBA**—Junior welterweight Jose Bronzone halted Chilean Juan Ramirez in the sixth.
(08-05-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—The two top Latin American middleweights fought, and Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldan halted Roberto Ruiz in the eighth. It was a clear victory but a mediocre performance for the popular Martillo, who is waiting for a chance to fight Marvin Hagler for the world title.
(08-06-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Luis Suarez avenged a previous loss by outpointing highly touted Osmar Ochoa, 10, welterweights.
(08-10-83)

▲**LA RIOJA**—South American bantamweight champion Jose Rufino Narvaez outclassed Luis Gerez, 10.
(08-12-83)

▲**SANTA FE**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Jorge (Violin) Salgado knocked out Argentine and South American cruiserweight champion Hector Ruben Zamaro in the eight.
(08-12-83)

▲**SAN PEDRO**—Local lightweight Lorenzo Garcia, who holds the Argentine and South American crowns, outpointed Ramon Collado in ten.
(08-12-83)

▲**CORDOBA**—Carlos Laciar, younger brother of world champion Santos Laciar, lost his Cordoba featherweight title to Orlando Lucero, 12.
(08-12-83)

▲**SANTA ROSA**—Rising junior middleweight Luis Bazan outpointed Luis Albarez, 10.
(08-12-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES**—Junior welterweight Hugo (Pajarito) Hernandez, destroyed former Argentine and South American champion Hugo (Patoruzu) Luero in the second. Pajarito upped his record to 26-0-0 plus one no contest.
(08-13-83)

▲**CORDOBA**—Juan Carlos Cortez won a poor split verdict over former WBA junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas, 10. Argentine judges tend to score too many even rounds, and that was certainly the case here. Ballas was not in good shape, and tired down the stretch.
(08-19-83)

▲**SALTA**—South American flyweight champion Ruben Condori outpointed Alberto Pacheco, 10, non-title.
(08-19-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—The star of the night was junior lightweight Roberto (Rocky) Defooz, who outpointed Miguel Lequin, 10, in a superb performance. Bantamweight Oscar (Rocky) Flores outclassed Armando Romero, 10.
(08-20-83)

▲**AVELLANEDA, SANTA FE**—Former amateur star Oscar Florentin won the provincial middleweight title by outpointing Mario Pinto, 10.
(08-20-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Luna Park Stadium**—Jose Mario Lopez, who is second in the Argentine featherweights ratings, halted the new champion of the province of Cordoba, Orlando Lucero, in the fifth.
(08-24-83)

▲**SAN NICOLAS**—Lorenzo Garcia outpointed Jose Ignacio Funes, 10, lightweights.
(08-26-83)

▲**BUENOS AIRES—Lune Park Stadium**—Jorge Valentinuzzi outpointed Luis (Chocolate) Peralta, 10, middleweights.
(08-31-83)

## BRAZIL

▲**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian middleweight champion Carlos Antunes continued in the winning column by halting Chilean Juan Mautz in the first.
(08-06-83)

▲**SAO PAULO**—Fernando (Japones) Ernesto outpointed Mauricio Cruz (who returned from campaigning in Italy), eight. Brazilian heavyweight champion Jose Adilson Rodrigues didn't find any opposition in Eduardo Olivera, Paraguay, knocking him out in the second.
(08-15-83)

## PARAGUAY

▲**ASUNCION**—Paraguayan light heavyweight champion Juan Carlos Gimenez stayed unbeaten by halting Chilean Juan Vega in the second.
(08-02-83)

RICARDO F. SOLANA

Sabiyala Diavilla made it a bad night for Spain as he halted Alfonso Redondo in the third round of their welterweight bout.

Venezuelan Nelson Trujillo knocked out the Brazilian light welterweight, Eloi De Souza, in the fifth.

Lightweight Francesco Mascaro outpointed Jofre II of Spain, eight.
(07-31-83)

**▲LIDO DI CAMAIORE**—A crowd of 4,000 saw Loris Stecca retain his European featherweight title—and put himself in line for a shot at Juan La Porte—with a unanimous decision over Valerio Nati after 12 very tough rounds. The 23-year-old Stecca now has 31 wins and one draw. The 27-year-old Nati, a former European bantamweight champion, had drawn three of his last four bouts, but he was up for this one.

Unbeaten Yugoslavian welterweight Ace Rusevski outpointed Tony Habermayer. The 26-year-old southpaw is now 13-0.

In a clash of top Italian lightweights, Bruno Simili and Bruno De Montin finished all even. Simili now has a 20-3-5 record. De Montis is 28-2-1.

The bout between bantamweights Maurizio Lupino and Alain Limarol ended in no contest when both fighters were cut in round three.

Rosario Pacileo outpointed Luigi Marini in a light middleweight eight.
(08-05-83)

**▲ALBEROBELLO**—Featherweight Cosimo Lavino stopped Luciano Frasca on a cut in round six.

Charles Ssali stopped Lorenzo Giappone, also on a cut, in round three at light welter.
(08-05-83)

**▲BETTOLA**—Italian middleweight champion Aldo Buzzeti knocked out Celestin Kanynda in the third. The 28-year-old southpaw now has a 16-1 record with his only loss coming on a disqualification.

Light middle Franco Cagiano outpointed Imino Wa Tonino Bolamba, six.
(08-05-83)

**▲RONCIGLIONE**—Unbeaten heavyweight Franco Federici stopped George Ajjo on a cut in round five.

Welterweights George Ssondo and Wa Tshiyekelo drew, six.
(08-06-83)

**▲CAPO D'ORLANDO**—Former European light middleweight champion Luigi Minchillo won an easy decision over Clement Tshinza. Luigi now has a 41-2 record, one of those losses to Roberto Duran.

Light middleweight Guiseppe Leto forced Franco Callegari to retire in round two.

Junior lightweight Aniello Jovino outpointed Eloi Da Silva, six.
(08-07-83)

**▲VILLAS MARIA**—Welterweight Piero Spadaccini outpointed M Kianda, six.
(08-08-83)

**▲CONCA**—Giovanni Martinese retained his Italian light welterweight title with a majority decision over Giovanni Carrino, 12 rounds. The referee scored it 116-116, but the two judges went for Martinese with scores of 118-114.

Middleweight Angelo Liquori outpointed Wa Bolamba, six.

Lightweights Musata Bingumia and Nelson Trujillo drew, six.

Light middleweight Calisto Bavaresco outpointed Domenico Ricci, eight.
(08-17-83)

**▲GROSSETO**—Ugandan light welterweight Samuel Serunjogi upset local favorite Alessandro Scapecchi on points, eight.

Tony Salvatore, the Canadian featherweight chamption, scored his second win in Italy as he stopped Pasquale Mazza on a cut in round four.

Lightweight Guerrino Paci outpinted Alfonso Astarita, six.

Walter Borghesi outpointed Antonio Micca, six.
(08-18-83)

**▲ALATRI**—Light middleweight Giuliano Antonucci outpointed Fausto Gennaro, six He is now 9-0.
(08-21-83)

## PORTUGAL

**▲LISBON**—Spanish lightweight Isidoro Cabeza outpointed Sefafin Dos Anjos, eight.
(09-10-83)

## SPAIN

**▲LAS PALMAS**—Lightweight Vicente Jorge "Sendin" kayoed Tony Granados in two. Featherweight Isidro Gonzalez outpointed Cristobal Santana "Guanchito," four.
(08-05-83)

**▲PASTRANA**—Welter Hamed Ben Aisa outpointed Julio Garcia Barcina, six.
(08-12-83)

**▲VENDRELL**—Jose Hernandex retained the Spanish light middleweight title with a draw against Antonio Casado, 10. The 39-year-old deaf mute was in his 15th title fight.
(08-20-83)

**▲MADRID**—Alegandro Mur lost his unbeaten record when he was stopped in the first round by welterweight Hamed Ben Aisa.
(09-02-83)

**▲LAS PALMAS**—In a battle of unbeaten local lightweights, Santiago "Santi" Machin outpointed Victor Jorge "Sendin," eight. Machin is now 10-0-5 and Jorge has a 7-1 record.

In another lightweight bout, Francisco Dominguez halted Santiago Perdomo "Pacheco" in round four.
(09-02-83)

**▲SALAMANCA**—Luis de la Sagra won the vacant Spanish bantamweight title by outpointing Vicente "Zurdo" Fernandez, 10.

Featherweight Angel Coque outpointed Mohamed Larbi, six.
(09-03-83)

**▲MELILLA**—In lightweight bouts, Jofre II outpointed Tanio II, eight, and Rafael Sanchex Munoz outscored Mohamed El Makrini, six.

## BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

**HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
4. Gordon Racette (Canada)
5. David Pearce (Wales)
6. Neville Meade (Wales)
7. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
8. John L. Gardner (England)
9. Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
10. Funso Banjo (England)

**LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Tony Mundine (Australia)
3. Mustapha Wasajja (Uganda)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Tom Collins (England)
6. Alex Sua (New Zealand)
7. Don LaLonde (Canada)
8. Ernie Barr (Bahamas)
9. Prince Mama Muhammad (Ghana)
10. Dennis Andries (England)

**MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Mark Kaylor (England)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Roy Gumbs (England)
3. Murray Sutherland (Canada)
4. Richie Roberts (Australia)
5. Monty Betham (New Zealand)
6. Steve Dennis (Australia)
7. Errol Christie (England)
8. Jimmy Price (England)
9. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
10. Glen McEwan (England)

**LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS**
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. John Mugabi (Uganda)
3. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
4. Jimmy Batten (England)
5. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
6. Prince Rodney (England)
7. Brian Anderson (England)
8. Jimmy Cable (England)
9. Nelson Bosso (Ghana)
10. Billy Johnstone (Australia)

**WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Mario Cusson (Canada)
3. Frank Ropis (Australia)
4. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
5. Mark Harris (Guyana)
6. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
7. Dave Hilton (Canada)
8. Cliff Gilpin (England)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Donnie Poole (Canada)

**LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Clinton McKenzie (England)
2. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
3. Brian Janssen (Australia)
4. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
5. Nick Furlano (Canada)
6. Terry Marsh (England)
7. Alan Lamb (England)
8. Pat Leglise (Australia)
9. Vernon Vanriel (England)
10. Gary Knight (England)

**LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Claude Noel (Trinidad)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Barry Michael (Australia)
3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
4. Ray Cattouse (England)
5. Hogan Jimoh (Nigeria)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
8. Pierre Huneault (Canada)
9. Tony Willis (England)
10. Winston Spencer (England)

**JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS**
Champion
Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. John Muwunga (Tanzania)
3. John Sichula (Zambia)
4. Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria)

**FEATHERWEIGHTS**
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
2. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
3. Steve Sims (Wales)
4. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Paul Huggins (England)
7. Thunder Clottey (Ghana)
8. Clyde Ruan (England)
9. Dennis Talbot (Australia)
10. Eric Boone (Nigeria)

**BANTAMWEIGHTS**
Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Davey Larmour (No. Ireland)
4. Hugh Russell (No. Ireland)
5. John Feeney (England)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Peter Jones (Wales)
8. Ray Gilbody (England)
9. Dave George (Wales)
10. Hector Clottey (Ghana)

**FLYWEIGHTS**
Champion
Keith Wallace (England)
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
5. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Junior Thompson (Australia)
8. Bobby Williams (Australia)
9. Duke McKenzie (England)
10. Kam Chand (Australia)

Flyweight Meziani Mustafa stopped Antonio Gonzalez Barnes in one.
(09-07-83)

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## UNITED KINGDOM

**▲LONDON—Bloomsbury Centre**—British Commonwealth flyweight champion Keith Wallace, 113½, Liverpool, won a clear decision over Juan Diaz, 113, Mexico, 10. Referee Harry Gibbs, the sole official, carded 99-96½, indicating that Diaz had won two rounds. Many ringsiders thought it was a shutout.

It proved an ideal contest—boxer vs. fighter. Gloves held high to protect his chin from the sort of punch with which the Mexican had kayoed Magri, Wallace frequently had Diaz bewildered by the speed and accuracy of his jabs and hooks.

Wallace is now 12-0 with nine kayoes.

Tony Willis, 138½, stopped Carlos Amaya, 139½, in the seventh. Willis, a southpaw, is still undefeated.

Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, stopped Paul Huggins, Hastings, in round seven. Huggins was floored in the third and seventh.

Abdul Kareem, 134½, Walthamstow, outpointed Gary Williams, 134, Doncaster, six. Scoreline: 59½-58.

Dave Haggerty, 137½, Scotland, outscored Billy Edwards, 140½, Hoxton, six. Scoreline: 59½-58½. It was Edwards' pro debut.

Dean Scarfe, 150¾, Hackney, stopped Dave Heaver, 148½, Doncaster, in the second. This was Scarfe's first fight in Britain after two wins in America.

Tim Gladwish, 141, outscored Trevor Hopson, 142¼, Billericay, six.
(09-01-83)

**▲LONDON—Europa Hotel**—Southern Area light middle champ Jimmy Cable, 157, Orpington, halted Ferdinand Pachler, 156, Austria, in round five. Pachler retired with a shoulder injury, caused by a missed right hand swing. Cable was winning at the time.

Sub Brian Anderson, 164, Sheffield, halted Welsh middleweight champion Doug James, 164, at 0:30 of the first round. Jones went down from a left to the jaw, and was dazed when he arose.

Tony Baker, 160, New Cross, outscored Gary (brother of Jimmy) Cable, also 160, Orpington, six. Scoreline: 59-58½. A real thriller.

Ron Shinkwin, 137, Boreham Wood, outpointed Ricky Andrews, also 137, Crystal Palace, six. Scoreline: 59½-58. Andrews was making his pro debut. His nose bled from the first round on, but he kept trying.

Alan Minter Sporting Club. (09-05-83)

**▲LIVERPOOL—Holiday Inn**—Central Area lightweight champion Jimmy Bunclarke, 137, kayoed Keith Foreman, 136, Hartlepool, in round seven with a right.

Mike Whalley, 126, Manchester, made his pro debut by knocking out Danny Knaggs, 129, Hull, in 2:59 of the sixth and final round. Knaggs bled from the nose and was cut by the right eye. He was carried from the ring on a stretcher, but quickly recovered.

Whalley gave his share of the nobbins to Knagg.

Mickey Bird, 145, Chesterfield, knocked out debutant Rob Williams, 149, Manchester, in the third round with a body punch.

Johnny Mac, 127, Liverpool, and John Mwaimu, 122, drew, six. Mac (who is the former Salisbury amateur, John MacGuire) was making his pro debut.

Liver Sporting Club.
(09-05-83)

**▲GLASGOW—Grosvenor Hotel**—John Sharkey, 127, Glasgow, kayoed Eddie Morgan, 128½, Corby, in the third round with an attack to the body. Morgan had been down for nine.

Danny Flynn, 101, Edinburgh, didn't lose a round outpointing Stuart Carmichael, 107, Hull, eight. Scoreline: 80-77.

John Murphy, Blantyre, also didn't lose a round outpointing Craig Walsh, 133, six. Scoreline: 60-59.

Alex Carney, 128, Kirkintilloch, outscored Mick Hillinson, also 128, Bradford, six. Scoreline: 60-57½. Carney also did not lose a round.
(09-05-83)

**▲LONDON—Porchester Hall**—Chris Sanigar, 149, Bristol, kayoed sub Geoff Pegler, 150, in round three.

Steve Watt, 147, Hayes, stopped Steve Tempro, 146, Leicester, in round three. Tempro went down from a right hook and the referee immediately signalled that the fight was over in order to get him prompt attention. He recovered quickly.

Dennis O'Brien, 155, Acton, made his pro debut by knocking out Kevin Webb, 156, Grove Park, in round four with a right.

Sub Bobby Williams, 162, Southampton, outscored debutant Kevin Shearon, 159, Borehamwood, six. Scoreline: 59½-59.

Dave Hall, 154½, Leyton, made his pro debut by outpointing Tony Rabbetts, 156, Heston, six. Scoreline: 59½-58½.

Dan Sullivan, Finchley, made his pro debut by outscoring sub Neil Crocker, Swansea, over six by 59½-58.
(09-08-83)

**▲LEICESTER—Holiday Inn**—Lee Halford, 138, Leicester, narrowly outpointed Jimmy Thornton, 135, Sheffield, eight. Scoreline: 79-78½.

Ian Murray, 128, Manchester, outscored Stuart Carmichael, 127½, Hull, six. Scoreline: 59½-58½.

Spider Webb, 150, Manchester, made his pro debut by out-

pointing Elvis Morton, 149, Leicester, six. Scoreline: 60-57½. Webb did not lose a round.

Mickey Baird, 147, Chesterfield, outscored Kid Saddler, 149, Manchester, over six by 59½-58½.
(09-12-83)

▲**GLASGOW—Holiday Inn**—Cliff Gilpin, 144¾, halted Charlie Malarkey, 142½, Scotland, in the ninth round in a final eliminator for the British welter title. A cut near Charlie's right eye forced the stoppage.

Gary Roberts, 125, Wolverhampton, halted Charlie Brown, 112, Glasgow, with three knockdowns in the second.

Jim Kelly, 148½, Wishaw, halted Tony Batty, Walthamstow, in the fourth.

Gary Williams, 136, Doncaster, stopped Billy Edwards, 140, Hoxton, who retired with a cut left eyebrow in the third.
(09-12-83)

▲**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—Mark Kaylor won the British and Commonwealth middleweight titles by knocking out defending title holder Roy Gumbs in the fifth round.

Gumbs, 22, is now 24-0. He's managed by star maker Terry Lawless.

Anders Eklund, 234½, kayoed Paddy Finn, 243, in the first round with a right hand after decking him for six.

Jimmy Price, 163, stopped American Dennis Roberts, 156, in 1:30 of the first.

Graham Brett, 129½, outscored John Mwainu, Manchester, six. Scoreline: 60-57. Mwainu was down in round four.

Martin Patrick, 157¼, Tottenham, stopped Steve Henty, 154, Brighton, in round five.

Mickey Kilgallon, 143, Peckham, outpointed Tim Gladwich, Hastings, four. Scoreline: 40-38½. Kilgallon didn't lose a round.
(09-14-83)

▲**LIVERPOOL—Stadium**—Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, scored an upset stoppage over top British light welterweight contender Alan Lamb, 142, Lancaster, at 1:47 of the first. A right to the jaw began Lamb's exit.

Willie Booth, 139¼, Airdrie, outscored Tony Sinnott, Liverpool, over eight by 79-78.

Noel Quarless, 214, Liverpool, outpoiuntd John Fallon, 200¾, Hull, over eight by 79-78. Quarless had been inactive for seven months.

Eddie Cooper, 177½, Bradford, stopped Bernie Kavanagh, 178, Liverpool, in the second. Kavanagh retired with an injured jaw.

John Daley, Keighley, outscored Bobby Welburn, 145¼, Hull, over six by 59-58.

Johnny Mac, 124, Liverpool, narrowly outpointed Mick Hoolison, 126½, by 59-58½ over six.
(09-15-83)

▲**RHYL—Dixieland**—Ken Foreman, 142, Hartlepool, comfortably outpointed Peter Flanagan, 143, Manchester, over eight by 79-77. Flanagan was floored in the third round.

Paul Owen, 124, Rhyl, made his pro debut by outscoring Alex Carney, 124, Paisley, over six by 59½-58. Carney was decked in the third.

**Terry Magee**, 155, Amerford, outpointed Dave Scere, 160, **Manchester**, over six by 59½-58.

Jim Payton, 138, Paisley, outscored Edward Lloyd, 129¾, Rhyl, by 59½-58½ over six. Lloyd will box as a featherweight hereafter.
(09-16-83)

▲**SWINDON—Oasis Leisure Centre**—Nick Jenkins, 178½, Bristol, outpointed Antonio Harris, 176, Birmingham, eight.

Winston Burnett, 164, Cardiff, outscored Cliff Curtis, 166, Swindon, six.

Tony Blackstock, Leicester, outpointed Steve Abadon, four.

Carl Merrett, Newport, outpointed Mohammed Lovelock, 129½, six.

Denroy Bryan, 202, made his pro debut by stopping Michael Armstrong, 188, in the first. Armstrong was decked twice.
(09-16-83)

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## JAPAN

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Fumito Hasegawa, 118, won a split decision over Noritetsu Kato, 117½, 10. The scores were 78-77, 78-76, and 77-78.

Hasegawa is now 9-3-1 with six kayoes. Kato is 8-8-3 with three knockouts.

Hiroshi Yamamoto, 118, outscored Norio Hasegawa, 117½, six.

Four-rounders: Tetsuo Atobe, 154, stopped Teruo Ogawa, also 154, at 1:05 of the fourth round. Noboru Tsutsugamori, 155½, polished off Noriyoshi Mitsutomi, 158¾, in 2:23 of the first round. Eiji Kimura, 146, halted Tadashi Kategawa, 145½, at 1:27 of the second. Seiji Tomari, 108, stopped Hisashi Nakatomi, 106, at 2:22 of the fourth and final session. Yoshimi Kikuchi, 111¾, and Hitoshi Sato, 112, drew. Koichi Shirakawa, 111¾, halted Junji Hamakawa, also 111¾, at 1:31 of the third frame. Nobumichi Inoue, 135, stopped Kazuhisa Tominaga, 134¼, at 0:32 of the second in the opener.

King Sports Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—1,200 (estimated).
(08-02-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Shuichi Hozumi, 111¾, knocked down Koki Ishii, 112, three times in the eighth round for an automatic knockout at 2:58 of the session. Masakazu Uchida refereed the scheduled 10.

Hozumi thus successfully defended his Japanese flyweight title for the second time and raised his record to 21-3 with six kayoes. Ishii fell to 12-2-1 with seven knockouts.

Tsuyoshi Hamada, 139¾, halted Max (Boy) Toyogon, 137¼, Philippines, in 3:09 of round two in their scheduled 10. Toyogon was floored twice before referee Paul Field called a halt.

Hamada, a southpaw, is now 11-1 with 11 kayoes. He's scheduled to face OPBF lightweight champ Rolando Aldemir in December.

Yuto Kazaki, 113, came off the canvas in the third and sixth frames to take a close decision over Racer Hashimoto, 112, 10. Hashimoto was dropped twice in the ninth round.

Kazaki, 22, is not 8-1-1 with five kayoes. Hashimoto, a southpaw, is 7-6-1 with seven knockouts.

Former Japanese amateur champion Masahiro Tanabu, 145¾, climbed off the canvas in the third to win a unanimous decision over Noboru Kawaguchi, 146½, Nagoya, eight. Kawaguchi was floored in the third, fifth, and eighth rounds.

Tanabu is now 3-0 with two kayoes. Kawaguchi is 4-6-1 with two knockouts.

Four-rounders: Hideo Yamashiro, 134, stopped Jun Takahashi, 134½, at 2:10 of the first session. Makoto Konno, 132, won a majority decision over Keiji Kawade, 131, in the opener.

Teiken Promotions. Nippon TV.

Attendance—2,600 (estimated).
(08-05-83)

▲**OMAGARI CITY—Senboku Gymnasium**—Japanese bantamweight champion Mitsuo Imazato, 118, TKO'd former champion Shuichi Isogami, 117½, at 2:25 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. It was Imazato's first defense.

Isogami was dropped in the first round, and was a bloody mess when referee Takeo Ugo called a halt.

Imazato is now 15-6 with seven knockouts. Isogami, 27, is 30-6-4 with 19 kayoes.

Kazuhiko Yasuda, 149½, stopped Herber Watanabe, also 149½, at the end of nine rounds in their scheulded 10.

Four-rounders: Minoru Abiko, 128½, outpointed Hirofumi Minami, 129¾. Takahiro Oda, 125, outscored Shinsuke Harada, 124¼. Yoshinari Morimoto, 109¼, outpointed Ken Hirota, 110, in the opener.
(08-17-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hard punching Tetsumi Takeshita, 108, won the Japanese junior flyweight title with a spectacular three-knockdown automatic knockout over defending champ Kentoku Nakama, also 108, at 2:36 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Ken Morita, referee.

Takeshita, who was floored in the second round, is now 9-1 with seven kayoes. Nakama, a southpaw, is 12-2-1 with seven knockouts. The new champ, 22, is a Japanese version of Charlie Magri—no chin.

Former Japanese junior flyweight champion Katsumi Sato, 107¾, won a unanimous nod over Isao Kimura, 105, 10. Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa, 99-95; judge Yusaku Yoshida, 100-95: judge Kazunobu Asao, 98-94. Sato is now 12-12-5 with two kayoes. Kimura, four years his senior at 24, is 8-11-4 with three knockouts.

Four-rounders: Kenan Nakama, 107, younger brother of Japanese champ Kentoku, halted Yoshio Fukuda, 106½, at 1:38 of the second to raise his log to 3-0—all knockouts. Katsuhiro Haneji, 115, the 1982 All-Japan high school champ, and Buffalo Tano, 114½, drew. (This was part of the East-Japan Shinjin-o tourney, with Haneji picked to proceed to the next round by the JBC officials.) Tatsuo Kiyono, 108, narrowly outpointed Toshiyuki Kanehama, also 108. Yoshito Kumagawa, 127½, halted Koriki Minami, 132, at 0:40 of the third round. Kenji Yokozawa, 107 polished off Yukimasa Higa, 108, at 2:33 of the first frame. Yasushi Shimoji, 129½, Okinawa, made his pro debut by stopping Masato Kataoka, 129¾, in 2:23 of the first round. Junichi Minamizawa, 117, outscored Satoru Takahashi, 117¼. Takashi Komori, 121½, halted Koji Ueda, 122, at 1:10 of the first round in the opener.

Misako Promotions. Fuji TV.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(08-25-83)

▲**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Two national title bouts were featured.

Japanese middleweight titlist Keitoku Senrima, 160, Kobe City, a six-foot ex-basketball player, stopped southpaw Maoto Suzuki, also 160, Tokyo, at 1:54 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. A solid right dropped Suzuki in the fatal session. Senrima is now 7-5 with four kayoes. Suzuki is 6-6 with six knockouts. Scoring after seven: referee Yusaku Yoshida, 70-63; judges Takeshi Shimakawa and Takeo Ugo, both 70-65—all for the defending champ.

Eijiro Kuruma, 126, retained his Japanese featherweight crown by halting Yoshinari Tanaka, also 126, at 2:34 of the seventh round in their scheduled 10. Tanaka was floored twice before the stoppage. Scoring after six: referee Hiroyuki Tezaki, 60-57; judge Kodai Kumazaki, 59-57; judge Takeaki Kanaya, 59-58—all for Kuruma. Kuruma, 24, is now 20-5-3 with seven kayoes. Tanaka, 21, is 11-2 with five knockouts.

Kazushi Maeazawa, 131¼, knocked out Eiji Okita, 134¼, in 2:15 of round three in a scheduled eight. Maezawa is now 6-3-2 with five kayoes. Okita, 1983 *Shinjin-o* winner, is 4-1.

Kunio Takanami, 121, TKO'd Sumiki Tokutome, also 121, at 1:11 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Riichi Hiromoto, 130 stopped Junichi Futagami, 126¾, at 0:29 of the second. Makoto Yagihashi, 139¾, halted Katsuyoshi Kawashita, 139½, at 2:20 of the fourth. Hisao Ishido, 115, outscored Keiichi Ozaki, 114½. Michiya Kashiwagi, 114½, kayoed Taizo Kan, 115, in 1:25 of the second. Makoto Sawamura, 115, TKO'd Shingo Hayasaka, 113¾, at 1:57 of the third. Koichi Shirakawa, 111¼, stopped Tatsuya Tomiyama, 112, at 2:55 of the second.

Kadoebi Promotions. No telecast.

Attendance—2,000 (estimated).
(08-30-83)

▲**NOTES**—Former Japanese bantamweight champion Shuichi Isogami announced his retirement on August 30. Isogami, who was stopped by Jorge Lujan in a world title bid in April, 1980, compiled a pro record of 30-6-4 with 20 knockouts.

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## KOREA

▲**WONJU—Wonju Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, 141, kayoed Dario Melida, also 141, Philippines, with a solid right to the stomach in 3:09 of the second in a scheduled 10-rounder. Lee, the WBA's second ranked junior welter, is now 29-0 with 24 knockouts. Melida is 23-4 with 10 kayoes.

Ho-Man Kim, 124½, and Yoo-Kyung Hou, 124, drew, 10.

Four-rounders: Chang-Ho Kim, 107½, halted Jin-Shik Lee, 107¼, at 1:52 of the third round. Chong-Dae Yim, 114¾, stopped Kwang-Soo Park, 114½, at the end of the second. Kap-Dong Park, 111¼, kayoed Duk-Soo Park, 112, in 1:18 of the second. Soo-Dal Kim, 133¾, outscored Sung-Rok Han, 133½. Tae-Youb Kim, 131½, outpointed Mi-Jae Yun, 131¼. Yong-Won Kim, 124½, and Dong-In Chun, also 124½, drew. Jae-Chul Kim, 107, kayoed Jun-Shik Moon, 107¾, in 1:32 of the fourth and final session in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.
(08-03-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Divino Inocian, 126, Philippines, won the vacant OPBF (Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation) featherweight crown by halting Duk-Hwan Bae, 125¾, at 1:30 of the third round in a scheduled 12. Bae was decked twice in round one.

Inocian is now 29-5-2 with 18 kayoes. Bae is 13-4-1 with six knockouts.

Korean bantamweight champion Dong-Chun Lee, 120¾, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Kiyoshi Oyama, 121¼, Japan, 10. Lee is now 14-5-1 with four kayoes.

Tae-Sang Chun, 118½, kayoed Duk-Han Bae, 118¾, in 3:02 of the fourth round in a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: In Hwang, 139¼, outscored Young-Shik Kim, also 139¼. Wo-Chun Kim, 114½, outpointed Sok-Jun Hong, 113¾. Nae-Duk Kim, 127½, outpointed Hong-Shik Park, 128. Young—Chae Wah, 118¼, outscored Myung-Chul Choi, 118¾. Oh-Young Ji, 121¼, outscored Sung-Ho Hong, also 121¼, in the opener.

Wa-Ryong Promotions.
(08-07-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Tae-Wang Kang, 140¾, knocked out Keun-Young Nam, 139¼, the KBC's sixth ranked junior welter, in 2:29 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Kang, an upset winner, is now 13-14-5 with five kayoes. Nam is 8-6 with three knockouts.

Oh-Hyung Lee, 128¼, outscored Kyung-Yang Kim, 127¾, 10. Lee is now 12-2-4 with eight knockouts. Kim is 6-5-2.

Young-Wou Kim, 126½, won a technical decision over Joung-Pyo Kim, 118¾, at 0:56 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Han-Jung Kim, 127¾, halted Jin-Sok Chang, also 127¾, at 2:40 of the fourth round in their scheduled eight.

Sang-Yul Ahn, 127½, outpointed Sung-Yul Kim, 127¼, six.

Sang-Man Cho, 122¼, and Sang-Muk Lee, also 122¼, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Chung-Won Chun, 124¼, halted Jae-Wun Yang, 124½, at 0:37 of the fourth and final session. Keun-Tak Ji, 133¾, stopped Yun-Ho Choi, 134, at 2:23 of the second. Jung-Bae Yuh, 129, outscored Sang-Oh Nah, also 129. Hyun-Ei Shin, 124½, outpointed Hi-Song Shin, 124, in the opener.

Hanyang Promotions.
(08-12-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Ki-Young Chung, 125¼, won the vacant Korean featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Wan-Taek Choi, also 125¼, 10.

Chung is now 21-4-2 with four kayoes. Choi is 8-3-2 with four knockouts.

Ex-champ Kap-Chul Shin, 114¼, outscored Sang-Moon Lee, 114½, eight.

Sang-Moon Suh, 138, halted Han-Yung Choi, also 138, at 1:23 of the second in a scheduled six-rounder.

Four-rounders: Chang-Won Chang, 113, outscored Jung-Pil Kim, 112, Chul-Ho Kim, 120, outpointed Sang-Ju Koh, 119½. Sung-Moon Kang, 131¼, halted Ki-Chul Chung, 132, at 1:02 of the first round. Chong-Sung Lee, 120¼, outpointed Jae-Keum Kim, 121¼. Cha-Soo Oh, 127¾, outscored Chang-Ho Lee, also 127¾, in the opener.

Wonjin Promotions.
(08-13-83)

▲**SEOUL—Pozon Seaside Special Ring**—Former OPBF welterweight champ Chung-Jae Hwang, 148¾, knocked out Mugen Kawasaka, 148½, Japan, with an overhand right in 1:26 of round two in a scheduled 10. Hwang is now 25-2 with 22 kayoes.

Yuk-Dong Ahn, 110½, outpointed Sung-Chul Kim, 110¼, six.

Sok Tor, 110¼, halted Hae-Dong Kim, 110, at 1:50 of the fifth round in their scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Ki-Oh Yuh, 109¼, outscored Jin-Hyung Han, 110. Chong-Han Kim, 129¼, halted Hyo-Kyong Jang, 129, at 1:26 of the third round. Min-Sok Chae, 125¼, stopped San-Keun Kim, 125½, at 1:46 of the third frame. Kang-Chul Lee, 115¾, outscored Hyung-Il Kim, 115¼, in the opener.

Kukdong Promotions.
(08-13-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Heung-Sok Yuh, 136½, and Lito Pena, 135½, Philippines, had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw at 2:18 of the second. Yuh, the WBA's seventh ranked lightweight, is now 16-3-1 with 12 kayoes. Pena is 17-4-2 with 10 knockouts.

Ho-Hyun Kim, 117¾, halted Ji-Hong Kim, 118, at 1:25 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

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Wan-Chul Kim, 136½, stopped Chang-Yun Lee, 135½, at 0:15 of the third frame in their scheduled eight.
Jum-Hwan Choi, 108½, outscored Sung-Kwan Chun, 109, eight.
Hi-Sok Kim, 112½, kayoed Chong-Don Kim, also 112½, in 2:55 of the second round in another scheduled eight.
Sung-Do Oh, 110¼, outscored Kyung-Kyu Lee, 110, in the four-round opener.
Saeki Promotions.
(08-14-83)

▲**SEOUL—Ilhwa Gymnasium**—Dong-Koo Woo, 139½, won an upset verdict over Woo Hwang, also 139½, the KBC's top junior welterweight contender, 10.
Woo is now 12-6-2 with seven kayoes. Hwang is 14-3-3 with five knockouts.
Dae-Kyun Park, 137, halted Myung-Sun Chang, also 137, at 1:16 of the first round.
Hyun-Il Kim, 127½, outscored Kwang-Ki Kim, 115¾.
Sun-Myung Chun, 115, halted Sang-Chul Lee, 114¾, at 2:15 of the third round.
Sang-Bae Kim, 111½, outpointed Kwang-Chul Sung, 111¼.
Chong-Soo Choi, 110, outscored Du-Youl Kim, 109¼, in the opener.
Ilhwa Gymnasium.
(08-19-83)

▲**TAEGU—Kyngbok Gymnasium**—Lanky Seung-Hoon Lee, 122½, halted Poker Peregrino, 121, Philippines, at 1:50 of the seventh in a scheduled 10-rounder. Lee, the WBC's seventh ranked junior featherweight, in now 27-4 with 13 kayoes.
Kyung-Duk Ahn, 139, outscored Kuk-Jin Yim, 140, eight.
Four-rounders: Oh-Yung Jim, 123, and Yoo-Bok Park, 121¾, drew. Jun-Young Lim, 131½, and Ju-Chul Yum, 132½, drew. Yun-Chul Kim, 140¾, and Hi-Ryong Chung, 140¼, drew. Kyu-Shik Chung, 115¾, halted Kyung-Jo Choi, 115, at 2:25 of the third round. Sung-Kyu Bae, 118, outscored Sang-Il Chang, also 118. Jung-Muk Lim, 137½, outpointed Heung-Kyu Bae, 137, in the opener.
Leehoon Promotions.
(08-21-83)

▲**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Min-Keun Oh, 126, won a close decision over Australian featherweight champ Paul Ferreri, 125¾, 10. Oh, who had recently relinquished his Korean title, attacked from the start, while Ferreri countered with his strong left.
Oh is now 10-2 with two kayoes. Ferreri is 39-5-2 with 15 knockouts.
Jung-Woo Chun, 120¼, outpointed Yang-Soo Park, 119¾, eight.
Young-Suk Park, 109¾, and Keum-Sup Han, 108¼, drew, eight.
Four-rounders: Min-Hak Hwang, 139, halted Min-Soo Shin, 138¾. Sae-Kyun Lee, 135¾, outscored Yung-Shik Kim, 136½. Chong-Jin Chung, 118¾, outscored Ho-Jung Kim, also 118¾. Sun-Chul Park, 116¾, halted Kyung-Ho Kim, 115, at 0:45 of the first round in the opener.
Dong-A Promotions.
(08-27-83)

JOE KOIZUMI AND YOO-CHANG KIM

## PHILIPPINES

▲**OLONGAPO CITY**—Willie Makitoki, 145, the Filipino Games and Amusements Board's top welterweight contender, won a unanimous decision over veteran Joe Lim, also 145, 10.
Grego Garcia, promoter.
(07-02-83)

▲**GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Carlos Parcia, 130, eked out a majority decision over Al Duran, also 130, 10.
Robert Sareno, 115, kayoed Al Villegas, also 115, in the first round of their scheduled 10.
Gene Reyno, promoter.
(07-02-83)

▲**MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Cesar Amazan, 123, halted Fel Malatag, 123¾, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.
Tito Gregorio, 111½, stopped Flash Antonio, 106½, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10.
Alejandro Suansing, promoter.
(07-02-83)

▲**CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Filipino junior featherweight champ Little Bangoyan, 122, retained his crown with a unanimous decision over Renato Paulino, 120, 10.
Boy Lim, 122, and Leo Khaki, also 122, had their scheduled 10 declared a tech draw in the sixth round.
Pat Bracero, 115, won a unanimous duke over Wenie Galero, also 115, 10.
Edilberto Bustamante, promoter.
(07-02-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY—U.B. Gym**—Rocky Aresenio, 114, won a unanimous decision over Tito Abella, 111, 10.
Danilo Quinto, promoter.
(07-05-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Anna Racing Club**—Nick Dalisay, 110, won a unanimous decision over Flor Obina, 110½, 10.
Cesar Natividad, promoter.
(07-04-83)

▲**BAGUIO CITY—U.B. Gym**—Little Segan, 126, won a split decision over Lulu Villaverde, 125, 10.
Flash Romeo, 143, TKO'd Al Rodrigo, 139, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.
Felixberto Jardenil, promoter.
(07-16-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Ernie Mata, 119, won a split duke over Boy Chua, also 119, 10.
Joe Hiyas, 121, won a unanimous decision over Abel Magra, 121½, 10.
Galorde Enterprises, promoter.
(07-16-83)

▲**OZAMIS CITY**—Flash Emmanuel, 119, won a unanimous decision over Mac Espanola, 120, 10.
Robert Yabut, promoter.
(07-16-83)

▲**TUBOD, LANOA DEL NORTE**—Rey Gallana, 118, won an upset verdict over Young Depio, also 118, 10.
Romeo Buhawi, promoter.
(07-17-83)

▲**MANIKI, KAPALONG DAVAO**—Gil Ragas, 115, TKO'd Emong Amoguis, also 115, in the third round of a scheduled 10.
George Yuson, 118, halted Maniang Montanez, also 118, in the first round of their scheduled 10.
Manuel Vilan, promoter.
(07-17-83)

▲**MANILA—Sta. Anna Racing Club**—Chito Adigue, 127, won a unanimous decision over Jaime Enriquez, 125.
Aurelio Reyes, Jr., promoter.
(07-18-83)

▲**MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Filipino junior featherweight champion Little Bangoyan, 123, and Sandy Noora, also 123, had their scheduled 10 declared "no contest" in round five. Manor V. Deogariza, referee.
Cesar Ligan, 126, TKO'd Flash Bernardo, 128½, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.
Polly Barce, 119, halted Julius Gonzaga, 118½, in the seventh session of another scheduled 10.
Wick Tengam, 114, won a unanimous duke over Joe Gaviola, 113½, 10.
Nick Caputol, 134, outscored Max (Boy) Toyogon, 135, 10.
Four-rounders: Ed Hemo, 107, outpointed Bong de Jesus, 112. Boy Blanca, 116, kayoed Boy Cua, 115. Sene Gliane, 118, outscored Carlos Castigador, 119, in the opener.
Atty Agustin Garcia, promoter.
Virgilio de los Reyes and Carlos Roman, GAB witnesses.
(07-19-83)

▲**SAN FERNANDO**—Dony Soriano, 135, won a unanimous decision over Romy Cunanan, also 135, 10.
Tito Vilmar, 121, stopped Al Sicat, 120, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10.
Efren Nazal, promoter.
Romulo Santiago and Mauro Dizon, GAB witnesses.
(07-20-83)

▲**TAYUMAN, METRO MANILA**—Amay Pacana, 135, TKO'd Lorenzo Nabuab, also 135, in a scheduled 10. N. Olivetti, referee.
Rey Torrenski, 112, TKO'd Jun Santiago in the second round of their scheduled 10.
Eddie Cejas, 136, and Jun Bautista, also 136, drew, 10.
Lito Zarda, 117½, outscored Rocky Allapitan, 119, eight.
Nilo Hernandez, 119, and Rene Brocada, 118, had their eight-rounder declared a tech draw in the fourth.
Four-rounders: Jun Luna, 118, outscored Aki Caparoso, 120. Gaspar Kid, 138, eked out a split nod over Nes Lim, 136, in the opener.
Alejandro Suansing, promoter.
Benedicto Ronquillo and Voltaire Reverente, GAB witnesses.
(07-22-83)

▲**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Former OPBF junior bantamweight champion William Develos, 119, TKO'd Ali Formentera, 117½, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Joe Lansang, referee.
Rene Busayong, 113, halted Domy Ursua, Jr., 110, in the sixth frame of their scheduled 10.
Zaldo Ovilly, 130, outpointed Ver Gatse, 128½, eight.
Six-rounders: Momong Manaay, 126, outscored Danny Marinez. Manny Fernandez, 112, outpointed Robert Palarit, 109.
Four-rounders: Salvador de Mesa, 108, TKO'd Edito Rubis, 112, in the second. Bert Baco, 110, outpointed Ric Pornillos, 111, in the opener.
Flash Elorde's Galorde Enterprises.
Voltaire Reverente and Benedicto Ronquillo, GAB witnesses.
(07-29-83)

▲**PASAY—Pasay Sports Complex**—Neptali Alamag, 118, the WBA's third ranked bantamweight, won the Filipino bantam crown with a unanimous decision over Amado Cabato, also 118, 12.
Pablo Pepito, 119, won a technical decision over Franco Torregoza, also 119, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.
Lito Pena, 136½, the GAB's top lightweight contender, won a unanimous decision over Romulo Oguimas, 141, 10.
Jesse Abrea, promoter.
(07-30-83)

▲**MONKAYO, DAVAO**—Ronaldo Sumalis, 126, and Noldo Lanciam, also 126, drew, 10.
Danny Ado, 122, won a majority decision over Eddie Abian, also 122, 10.
Tommy Bastida, 122, TKO'd Nilo Canales, also 122, in the fourth round of their scheduled 10.
Abelardo Tecson, promoter.
(07-30-83)

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## THAILAND

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sakda Galazy (previously fighting as Sakda Saksuree), the former Thai bantamweight champ, now ranked top in the featherweight class, 128, needed only 157 seconds to polish off Thaveekooon Chorsuenanan, the TBC's top junior feather, also 128, in the opening canto of a scheduled six.
(04-04-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Nongberd Napahtaya, 114, the TBC's number four flyweight, was, surprisingly, held to a draw by glass-jawed Suriya Pratumvadee, also 114, six.
(04-06-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Veerachai Yongprasert, 112, scored an easy kayo over Thep (Raknarong) J. Sangthong, also 112, in the third round of a scheduled six.
(04-08-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In his first international style fight, kick boxer Sakdi Sithsataporn, 125, was destroyed by Sansak Osodsapha, 126, in the first round of a scheduled six.
(04-16-83)

▲**BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Dongprasert Sorsombutr, 126, became the new Thai featherweight champion, as he outjabbed and outsped Nugprachan Kiatcumchai, also 126, 10. Dongprasert has been ranked second by the Thailand Boxing Commission.
(04-17-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—After laying off for almost a year due to bad quarrels with his manager, Aekarat Singnakonlaung, 122, made a comeback and registered an easy knockout over Songyos Pholpracha, 128, in the second round of a six.
(04-18-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Saksamuth Singsamang, 112, a good southpaw, defeated Nakornsri Sakdiphichaiyuth, 113, by a unanimous decision, six.
(04-19-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Yingyai Petchvichan, 126, kayoed Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan, also 126, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
(08-02-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaosai Galassy, 117, the WBC's top junior bantamweight contender, won a close but unanimous decision over San-Yong Park, also 117, Korea, 10.
The 19-year-old Park took the first four rounds by landing with fast combos, but Galassy came back in the later frames and dropped Park in the eighth round with a solid right.
Scoring: referee Nipon Lanlerng, 98-97; the two judges, both 98-96. Galassy, a southpaw, is now 17-1 with 15 kayoes. Kaosai's manager, Chana Sabkaew, said his fighter learned a lot in this, his toughest fight.
(08-03-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai flyweight champ Nongbird Napphataya, 114, won a unanimous decision over Tonsai Suwankarnyang, 112, in a non-title six.
(08-04-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Somboonyos Singsamang, 116, and Somsak Sorndang, 121, battled to a draw in a furious six.
(08-06-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chaonennoi Chomgatha, 115, a rising rookie, halted Nongsanti Lookgulab, also 115, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(08-08-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Wangnoi Laudayuthaiaya, 110, a 6-1 underdog, outscored Songkiatnoi Chorchutirat, 112, six.
(08-17-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Daoroj Kiatpetch, 118, kayoed Karawek Petsingha, also 118, in the sixth and final session.
(08-20-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Chaisurin Sithkempetch, 138, knocked out Kanakorn Thathoothai, also 138, the TBC's third ranked junior welter, in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Thathoothai was out of shape and paid the price.
(08-21-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai lightweight champ Downthong Chuvatana, 137, kayoed glass-jawed Tomio Nakamura, 135, Japan, in the second round of a scheduled 10.
(08-22-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Charlongchai Singcaltex halted Petchgam Chuvatana, 114, in the first round of a scheduled six. Charlongchai is now 8-1 with six kayoes.
(08-24-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Samart Sakadam, 111, halted Suriyanoi Petsingha, 110, with three knockdowns in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Sakadam is ranked third by the Thai Boxing Commission.
(08-25-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Chalow Muangsurin, 114, the TBC's top junior fly contender, easily stopped Chaonenoi Chomgatha, also 114, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(08-26-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Suradej Klongphajorn, 133, halted Thonghai Singthongpol, also 133, in the second frame of a scheduled six.
(08-27-83)

▲**BANGKOK—Channel 7 Ring**—Lerd Singthongpol, 138, won a unanimous decision over Pohpet Sithsrimok, also 138, six.
(08-27-83)

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▲**KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Brett Beakin, 158, and Roy Alexander, 163, drew, eight.

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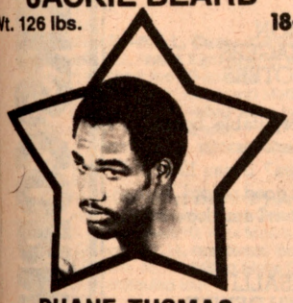

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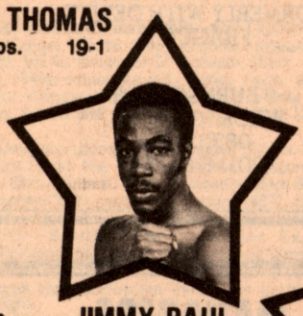

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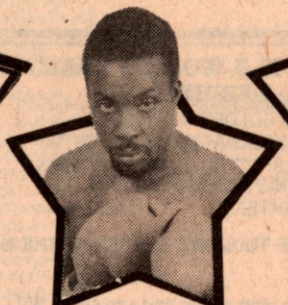

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Paul Dutchy, 176, and Ken Morris, 172, drew, six.
Brad Fredrics, 137, outscored Muhammad Ali, 136, six.
Paul Dominic, 156, and Tony Porrata, 164, drew, five.
(07-19-83)

**▲MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Kenny Bruce, 126¾, stopped Frank Carlson, 128¼, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10. Carlson went down twice, and referee Trevor Christian stopped it. This reversed a prior loss.
Joe Burruni, 166, outpointed Boy Alexander, 164½, eight.
Andy Lynn, 146½, won a technical decision over Reg King, 138½, at the end of four rounds in a scheduled six.
Willie White, 116, stopped Frank Miller, 123½, in the second frame of their scheduled six.
Brad Fredrics, 136, halted Shaun Jenkins, 136½, in the third round of a scheduled four.
(07-20-83)

**▲LISMORE—Workers Club**—Queensland State light heavy champ Kevin Wagstaff, 187, halted former Australian champion Steve Cansdell, 180¾, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Denzil Creed, referee.
Graham Looker, 146½, halted Bobby Cross, 148, on a cut eye in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.
Tilta Halpin, 141¼, and Steve Dellar, 149½, drew, six.
Dawsie Kelly, 157¾, outscored Eric King, also 157¾, six.
Ronald Doo, 144, outpointed Tassie Durack, 152½.
(07-22-83)

**▲PORT KEMBLA—Leagues Club**—Andy Wighers, 143¼, outscored Glenn Hillier, also 143¼, 10. John Cauchi, referee.
Four-rounders: Ray Wheatley, 207¼, stopped Bazooka Burdzy, 198½, in three. Foxy Louis, 141, and Colin Carr, 151, drew. Nooky Curyer, 157¾, outscored Paul Dominic, 154¼.
Three-rounders: Bobby Mastro, 133¼, and Brad Fredrics, 136¾, drew. Tony Porrata, 164¼, outpointed Peter Nikodijevic, 174.
(07-22-83)

**▲BOMADERRY—R.S.L. Club**—Veteran Roger Henry, 136½, outpointed Dean Thomas, 140, 10. Henry looked good. Ray Mitchell, referee.
Peter Nikodijevic, 173, stopped Hurricane Hickey, 163¼, in the sixth and final round.
Three-rounders: Mick Carney, 253½, outscored Stinger Steward, 176½. Armstrong Waremaki, 125¾, outpointed Bob Talbot, 153¼.
(07-29-83)

**▲FAIRFIELD—R.S.L. Club**—Australian junior flyweight champ Steve Bell, 112, halted Kam Chand, also 112, Fiji, at the end of seven in a scheduled 10-rounder.
Glenn Hillier, 142½, outscored Matta Matta, 137¾, six.
Joe Burruni, 165¼, halted Tony Jackson, 163¾, in the third round of their scheduled six.
Tony Porrata, 164¼, stopped Mark Bullivant, 162¼, in the fourth and final session.
(07-29-83)

**▲DOYALSON—Doyalson-Wyee R.S.L. Club**—Maile Haumona, 220½, knocked out Geoff Peate, 199½, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Paul Moore, referee.
Brad O'Toole, 131¼, outpointed Brad Fredrics, 135½, eight.
Steve Polson, 147¾, halted Steve Doakes, 158¾, in the third round of a scheduled four.
(07-29-83)

**▲YOUNG—Services & Citizens Club**—Ben Lappori, 125¾, outpointed Jay Crows, 129, 10. Trevor Christian, referee.
Jimmy Greco, 157½, outscored Gil McGrath, 155½, eight.
Eden Tugrul, 134½, outpointed Alan Clarke, 142¼, six.
Four-rounders: Kingston Marta, 161, stopped Lindsay Goode, 159¾, in three. Robert Hall, 179¾, outpointed Paul Donnelly, 172.
Three-rounders: Ron James, 175¼, halted Stinger Stewart, 174¼, in the first round. Ray Wheatley, 206¼, outscored Mick Carney, 253½. Dom Vaquera, 154¼, outpointed Mark Simpson, 161. Bobby Gosette, 152¼, and Steve Polson, 146¾, drew.
(07-30-83)

**▲KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Rocky Pirrottina, 143, win a split nod over Willie Tarika, 140, 10. Referee Mick Dunningham had Tarika up by one point, while both judges carded Pirrottina the winner by the same margin. Good fight.
Shaun Gray, 163, outpointed Ken Morris, 176, six.
Muhammad Ali, 139, and Les Luxford, 134, drew, six.
Dave Bell, 141, outscored Joey Collins, 145, four.
(08-02-83)

**▲DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Russell Sands, 152½, knocked out Kevin Hogan, 147¾, with a right hand to the jaw in the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Paul Moore, referee. Sands was winning by three points at the end of six.
Dom Vaquera, 156½, celebrated his 23rd birthday by knocking out Ray Kelly, 150, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.
Peter Nikodijevic, 178, outscored Kid Solly, 171½, six.
Lauri Lauriano, 136¾, outpointed Lou Williams, 137¾, six.
(08-05-83)

**▲MARRICKVILLE—R.S.L.Club**—Former Australian middleweight champ Wally Carr, 183, and Young Stone, 172, drew, 10. Trevor Christian, referee, Alf Weymark and Mick Benetto, judges.
Former Australian junior middleweight champion John Layton, 183, outpointed NWS State middle champ Con O'Connor, 172, eight.
Darwin North, 156½, stopped Andy Lynn, 147¾, in the third frame of a scheduled six.
Geoff Peate, 198½, outscored Ken Morris, 176½, six.
(08-05-83)

**▲AUBURN—R.S.L. Club**—Rocky Warren, 126, won a unanimous decision over Jay Crowe, also 126, 10. Crowe was down in round two, Warren in round seven. Billy Males, referee.
Brad O'Toole, 128, outscored Peter Sherwood, also 128, six.
Dean Thomas, 137¾, outpointed Glen Harrison, 220¾. Leo Moore, 196¼, halted Alan Jackson, 205, in the first.
(08-12-83)

**▲KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Clint Brown, 156, won a close decision over Geoff Kanofski, 160, 10. Mick Dunningham, referee.
Robbie Hitchenson, 170, outpointed Ken MOrris, 176, six.
MUhammad Ali, 138, outscored Joey Collins, 147, six.
Dave Gell, 140, outpointed Teo Cupa, 133, five.
(08-16-83)

**▲REVESBY—Workers Club**—Undefeated Pat Leglise, 146, retained his NSW State welter title with a unanimous decision over former State junior welter champion Peter Batty, 147, 10. Batty was floored in round nine. Ray MItchell, referee.
Brett Young, 134¾, suffered a cut near the eye as the result of an accidental head clasu with Eden Turgul, 135½, in round two of a scheduled six. Two of the judges had the first round even, so it goes into the books as a tech draw in two.
Pat Lailwood, 166½, outpointed Joe Burruni, 166, six.
Lauri Lauriano, 137½, outscored Lou Williams, 138, six.
Tony Porrata, 166¼, outscored Peter Nikodijevic, 176½, four.
Bobby Mastro, 137½, outpointed Peter Sherwood, 129, three.
(08-17-83)

**▲MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Former Australian middleweight champion Steve Dennis, 162, stopped Dave Edwards, 159½, on a cut eye at the end of three in a scheduled 10. Dave was down in round two and took a standing eight-count in the third. Trevor Christian, referee.
Tommy Roberts, 158, outpointed Gil McGrath, 155½, eight.
Craig Pevy, 126, halted Mark Cribb, 122½, in the third round of a scheduled six.
Mandingo, 205, and Leo Moore, 197½, had their scheduled six declared a tech draw, four.
(08-17-83)

**▲WOOLOOWARE—Cronulla-Sutherland Leagues Club**—Steve Renwick, won a unanimous decision over Ian Dennis, 158¾, 10. Scoring: referee Mick Dunningham, 99-93; judges Ray MItchell and Max Ryan, both 99-95.
John Layton, 190¾, outpointed Ken Morris, 174, six.
Muhammad Ali, 134½, and Joey Collins, 144, drew, six.
Harry Harris, 176½, and Robbie Hitchenson, 167½, had their scheduled four declared a tech draw, two. (08-18-83)

**▲BATHURST—Leagues Club**—Ian Dennis, 155½, and Pat Hailwood, 155½, had their scheduled 10 stopped in the ninth because of a fight in the unruly crowd. Trevor Christian, referee.
Gary Williams, 136¾, stopped Alan Clarke, 138¾, in the eighth and final round.
Mark Cribb, 123½, halted Ducky Dennis, 118, in the fourth round in their scheduled eight.
Jeff Smith, 130, halted Ben Lappori, 129, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Ron Evans, 143¼, stopped Steve Polson, 145½, in the first round of a scheduled four.
Glen Harrison, 229¼, outpointed Ray Wheatley, 203, three.
(08-27-83)

**▲KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Shaun Gray, 166¼, outscored Joe Burruni, also 166¼, eight, by 80-75 on referee Mick Dunningham's scorecard.
Six-rounders: Steve Wonder, 160¼, outscored Joey Collins, 148¼. Muhammad Ali, 138¼, and Brad Fredrics, 133¼, drew. Sparrow Freeman, 132, outpointed Peter Sherwood,129.
(08-30-83)

**▲DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Benny Tabua, 158¾, won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Greco, 158, 10. Tabua won the first four sessions with crisp punching and good boxing, but was decked in the fifth. From then on, Greco was right in there. Paul Moore, referee. Trevor Singleton and Ray Mitchell, judges.
Roy Alexander, 164, halted Tony Porrata, 162¼, in the second round of a scheduled six.
Keith Ball, 136¾, outpointed Lou Williams, also 136¾, five.
Four-rounders: Peter Williams, 159, stopped Hurricane Hickey, 158¾, in the second. JOhn Piggott, 147¾, outscored Ray Kelly, 150¼.
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**▲GOSFORD—R.S.L. Club**—Joe Nitiva, 154½, Fiji, halted Willie Drinkwater, 152¼, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Sigi Tennenbaum, referee.
Brad Fredrics, 134½, outpointed Brad O'Toole, 121¼, eight.
Steve Polson, 147¾, and steve Doakes, 156½, drew, four.
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# WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS

## HEAVYWEIGHT

Greg Page KO2 Rick Keller
Mike Weaver KO9 Stan Ward
Pinklon Thomas KO5 Michael Greer
Frank Bruno KO1 Bill Sharkey
Frank Bruno KO7 Jumbo Cummings
John L. Gardner KO6 Ricky James
Eddie Lopez KO5 Ron Gibbs
Jeff Sims KO1 Ben Griffin
Monte Master KO14 Tony Fulilangi
James Douglas KO1 Eugene Kato
Jerome Kinney KO1 Kenny Smith
Razor Ruddock 10 Conroy Nelson
Mark Lee 10 Tom Stevenson
Charles Hostetter KO4 Andy Russell

## CRUISERWEIGHT

Lee Roy Murphy KO6 Keith Allen
Lee Roy Murphy W10 Frank Payne
Charles Singleton W10 Darnell Hayes
Mike Brothers KO6 Mike Harden

## LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Jerome Clouden W10 Freddie Guzman
Jerry Celestine W10 Jay Strickland
David Sears KO9 Freddie Brown
John Odhiambo W10 Eddie Gonzales
Larry Lane KO9 Mike Lee
Reggie Gross KO1 Frankie Otts

## MIDDLEWEIGHT

James Shuler KO3 Wilbur Henderson
Mark Holmes KO1 Sam Leonard
Curtis Parker KO4 Eddie Flanning
Tony Sibson KO2 John Collins
Mark Kaylor KO5 Roy Gumbs
(Won British & Commonwealth Titles)
Mike Tinley W12 Bruce Johnson
Danny Blake KO3 Lenny LaPaglia
Dwight Walker W10 Jerry Holley
Muleman Alexander KO2 Steve St. Charles
Ken Shannon KO7 Mike Grant
Carlos Tite KO3 Frank Lugar
Don Lee KO2 Akbar Ali
Charlie Boston W10 Mark Frazie
Nicky Walker D10 Johnny Nava

## JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT

Fred Hutchings W10 Buster Drayton
John Mugabi KO1 Don Morgan
John Mugabi KO4 Eddie Gazo
Kevin Howard W10 Richard Nixon
Mario Maldonado W10 Mardo Roybal
Julian Jackson KO3 Jeff Nelson
Tadashi Mihara W10 Katsuyoshi Kitsumoto
Prince Rodney KO6 Jimmy Batten
Herol Graham KO1 Carlos Bettancourt
Nino Gonzalez KO5 Len Villers

## WELTERWEIGHT

Felipe Canela KO11 Hedgmon Robertson
Lloyd Taylor W10 Robert Sawyer
Louie Mateo KO5 Ronnie Yoe
Pedro Vilella W10 Robert Adams
James McGrit KO3 Larry Fleming
Roman George W10 Eddie Flanning
Frankie Davis W10 Francisco Roche

## JUNIOR WELTERWIEGHT

Bruce Curry W12 Leroy Haley
(Retained WBC Title)
Johnny Bumphus KO10 Jose Angulo
Gene Hatcher KO4 Edward Lugo
Akio Kameda KO3 Ryo Asuka
Johnny Verderosa W10 Martin Rojas
Sang-Ho Lee KO10 Shoji Okishima
Jerry Lewis KO3 Jose Lopez
Clinton McKenzie KO4 Tommy McCallum
Delio Palacios W10 Juan Alanzo
Laurie Mann W10 James Vozar

## LIGHTWEIGHT

Tyrone Crawley W10 Robin Blake
Darryl Tyson W10 Jimmy Paul
Anthony Fletcher KO7 Ricardo Jimenez
Harry Arroyo KO6 Steve Hilyard
Remo DiCarlo KO6 Louis Loy
Juan Ramos Cruz KO7 Gino Perez
Shelton Lablanc KO8 Jo Jo Virgil
Shelton Lablanc KO4 John Morgan

## JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT

Jimmy Jackson KO9 Sylvester Kennon
Efraim Nieves W10 Ricky Wallace

## FEATHERWEIGHT

Eusebio Pedroza W15 Jose Caba
(Retained WBA Title)
Johnny De La Rosa KO4 Erving Gonzalez
Steve Cruz KO1 Angel Hernandez
Lenny Valdez W10 Pascual Aranda
Tyrone Jackson KO4 Wully Martinez
Barry McGuigan KO2 Ruben Herasme

## JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT

Gerald Hayes W10 Carmelo Negron

## BANTAMWEIGHT

Harold Petty W12 James Manning
(Retained NABF Title)
Harold Petty W10 Mario Chavez
William Develos W10 Suk-Chul Bae
Walter Giorgetti KO7 Jose Ignacio Martinez Antunez

## JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT

Jiro Wantanabe TW11 Son-Chun Kwong
(Retained WBA Title)

## FLYWEIGHT

HO-Chul Pyon W10 Yun-Ho Park

## JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT

Lupe Madera W15 Katsuo Tokasiki
(Retained WBA Title)
Yong-Hyun Kim W10 Sang-Moon Lee

**SHORTLY BEFORE THIS ISSUE WENT TO PRESS, THE UNITED STATES BOXING ASSOCIATION/INTERNATIONAL officially changed its name to the International Boxing Federation (IBF). The action was taken at a convention in Newark, N.J., where the USBA/I has set up a permanent headquarters. The organization made the name-change, president Bob Lee said, "because the old name sounded too much like a United States organization.**

**The IBF has decided to compete head-on with the WBA and WBC. The press agent for the IBF informed *The Ring* that the group's next major step will be to vacate almost all of the world titles which the USBA/I had first awarded. Only light heavyweight Michael Spinks, middleweight Marvin Hagler and bantamweight Jeff Chandler have their IBF titles safe.**

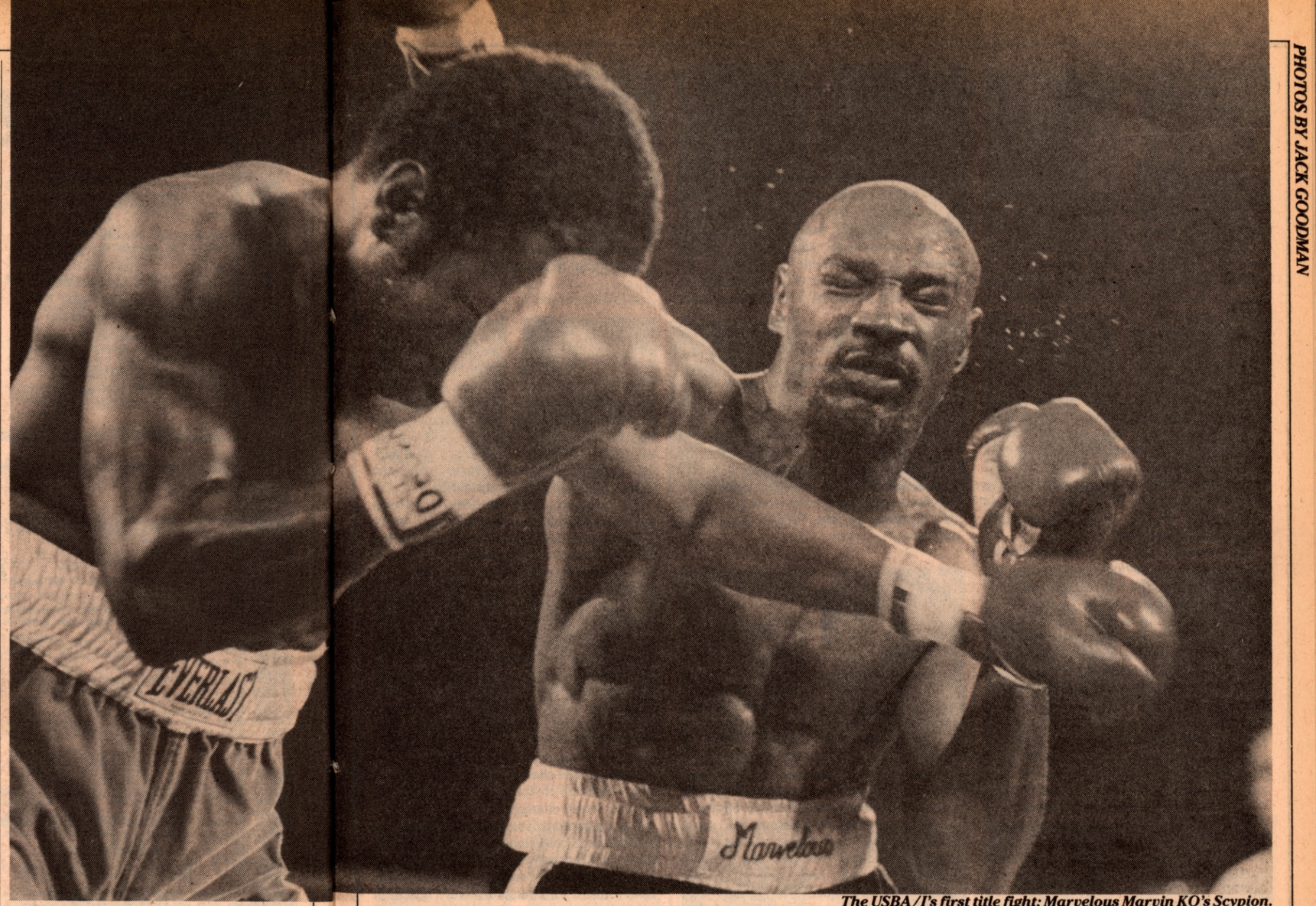
**Bob Lee is adamant that world title fights be shceduled for the traditional 15-round route. Therefore World Heavyweight Champion Larry Holmes, who now fights in WBC 12-rounders, will be stripped of IBF recognition. The IBF intends to match Pinklon Thomas against Mike Weaver for the IBF crown, creating a third heavyweight titlist. WBA champion Gerrie Coetzee is apparently ineligible for IBF recognition because of his South African background.**

**It is unclear how the boxing public will react to the arbitrary awarding of new world titles. The press officer says the IBF is confident that its champions will compare favorably with the WBC's and WBA's. "If the public could accept someone like Art Frias as champion [Frias lost the WBA lightweight title to Ray Mancini], I don't see were we would have any trouble with ours," says the IBF spokesman.**

# USBA/I MAKES A PLAY FOR POWER

BY BEN SHARAV

"LOSING THE ELECTION AT THAT WBA CONvention in San Juan was a blessing in disguise," says Robert W. Lee. The deputy chairman of the New Jersey Athletic Commission was repulsed in his run for president of the World Boxing Association last fall, but he stands firm at the helm of the suddenly-international United States Boxing Association. The USBA/International shot out seemingly from nowhere to sanction the Marvin Hagler-Wilford Scypion World Middleweight Championship fight in Providence, R.I.; now Lee and his associates hope to catapult the USBA/I to the forefront of boxing's world governing bodies.

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*The USBA/I's first title fight: Marvelous Marvin KO's Scypion.*

The Providence coup marked the first viable challenge to the World Boxing Association/World Boxing Council oligopoly in the two decades since Jose Sulaiman, bankrolled by California promoter George Parnassus, bolted from the WBA and formed the WBC in 1963. Promoters, managers, fighters and news media are all of a sudden sitting up and taking notice. And while most of the independent-minded people in the sport are giving the USBA/I their cautious approval, some are openly questioning whether the new group is an improvement over the discredited WBA and WBC or whether it simply promises more "business as usual."

In the free-wheeling, competitive, sometimes-flamboyant framework of big-time professional boxing, everyone knows not to take what anyone else says at face value. So Bob Arum's outspoken support for the USBA/I, and the emergence of the upstart body as the sanctioner of the Arum-promoted Hagler-Scypion bout evoked a good bit of murmuring and speculation. It was Arum, after all, who had called in IOU'S from the Oriental delegates in San Juan to swing the WBA election away from Lee and in favor of the Venezuelan, Gilberto Mendoza.

But Arum soon lost whatever influence he had in the WBA as Mendoza and his conduit, Pepe Cordero, bolted away from Arum in the direction of greener dollars and rival promoter, Don King. In what detractors now deride as a calculated effort to cut his losses, Arum then granted the now-famous *Ring* magazine interview (published in May). In it, Arum called the WBA a "joke," and asserted that in the past, Pepe Cordero, whom he described as the WBA "bagman," had made a practice of extracting $100,000 bribes from him to "fix" things in the WBA. Arum asserted furthermore that Lee would have made a better president than Mendoza and

that Arum had campaigned for Mendoza in San Juan only because he had early on promised to support him.

Not everyone was taken in by Arum's apparent change of heart. In a column entitled "Another Reformer Enters The Ring," *New York Times* writer George Vecsey, oozing with sarcasm, pointed out that "in the distant past of a week or two ago, Arum might occasionally have been seen as part of the problem rather than part of the solution."

But with Arum now supporting *him*, Bob Lee suddenly backed up the promoter's account of his behavior in San Juan. "Arum was always friendly," recounted Lee. "But he told me flat out that he had made a commitment to Mendoza and that he would stick by it. I was shocked and saddened to hear him tell of bribing the WBA"(Arum repeated to a Congressional subcommitee essentially the same story he had told *The Ring*), "but I don't hold any grudge. It's not productive to keep grudges in this business."

The turnabout put Lee in the uncomfortable position of having to deny that the organization is a Bob Arum-front. Don King made that accusation when he denounced Marvin Hagler for defying the WBC and fighting under the USBA/I banner in Providence. "This is Bob Arum's way of trying to destroy me and the WBC," King charged.

Lee confronts the innuendo with a patience that belies his anger. "The United States Boxing Association voted to go international back in April," says the New Jersey official. "Arum had nothing to do with that. We sanctioned the Hagler-Scypion fight because Marvin is the champion of the world and because this was a legitimate title fight–not because of Arum. I haven't gotten into bed with Bob Arum. He said to me, 'I support you,' and I'm glad to have his support. We'd like to have the support of as many promoters as we can get."

Lee has invited several champions, managers and promoters to adopt the USBA/I. So far, most have been more inclined to adopt a "wait-and-see" attitude. Butch Lewis, who promotes for World Light Heavyweight Champion, Michael Spinks, took the prevailing view when he said, "Sure, we'll listen. We definitely would like to see what the USBA/I has to offer."

The USBA/I gave its sales pitch at a "Summit Meeting of Promoters" held at the Stadium Club in the New Jersey Meadowlands' Giants Stadium just five days after the Hagler-Scypion bout. The regular press stayed away for the most part (not even the prospect of the Stadium Club's buffet lunch and open bar could induce the New York boxing writers to cross the Hudson River on a Wednesday morning) but the promoters—Arum, Lewis, Mickey Duff, Dan Duva, Jeff Levine, Russell Peltz and even the hostile Don King—all made sure to attend. They listened to a series of speeches from USBA/I officials, held an animated discussion of USBA/I rules and ratings and received a handout containing the USBA/I's first-ever set of international ratings. The ratings brewed up considerable controversy and many of the guests left with the distinct impression that the USBA/I had leaped before it had looked.

Lest anyone harbor any misconceptions, the USBA/I is one and the same as the USBA, which has been operating since 1977 and continues to recognize United States champions to this day. Bill Brennan, chairman of the Virginia Athletic Commission and president of the WBA in 1970-'71 was the first president of the USBA. Brennan says that the USBA was formed back in September 1976 by U.S. members of the WBA who were "repulsed by the repugnant manner in which the business of the WBA was being conducted."

The undisputed star of the USBA (or USBA/I, as the case may be) is the 47-year-old Lee, who has been president of the group for the past three years. A born and educated New Jerseyan (Lee is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University), Lee came to the State Athletic Commission in 1978 with a background in law enforcement (police officer for 10 years, Lieutenant of investigations in the Union City and Hudson County prosecutors' offices) and consumer affairs.

USBA assemblies often take on the air of revival meetings, with foot-stomping, hand-clapping and loud cheering from women members greeting Lee's entrance. Lee himself appears quiet, thoughtful and understated. And the credibility of the USBA/I will ultimately depend on the credibility of Bob Lee.

Lee's credibility was itself shaken when it was disclosed that he had accepted campaign contributions from promoters during his run for WBA president and that he had promised various state athletic commission officers with voting rights in the WBA that he would pay their way to the San Juan convention. Lee patched things up by returning the promoters' contributions and he maintains that it was necessary for him to fly in his supporters to San Juan since Arum was paying to bring in delegates to vote for Mendoza. Mendoza wound up winning the election with the help of several commissions which were described as "dummy" or "bogus." And Lee resigned from the WBA and elected to concentrate his efforts on the USBA/I.

The USBA/I lists an impressive membership roster, including 32 United States commissions, from which come all of the group's officers. Invitations have been sent to commissions throughout the world to become affiliated with the USBA/I and Lee claims that commissions in Canada, South America and Great Britain have reacted positively.

As president of the USBA, Lee automatically heads the international arm, and he professes a desire to make the USBA/I "distinct from the other world organizations." The way the USBA/I will differ ranges from the trivial (the group will give out gold-and-diamond rings instead of belts to recognized world champions) to the substantial.

But in some respects the USBA/I presents disturbing reminders of the WBA and WBC. While no one objects to the awarding of the title of "National Commissioner" to Hall-of-Famer and former Heavyweight Champion, Jersey Joe Walcott, it is disturbing to note that Walcott is not the only "figurehead" in the USBA/I. The fancy titles that other officers hold are in many instances fictional concoctions. For instance Virginia's Bill Brennan holds the seemingly important post of chairman of the championship committee. Yet *The Ring* has ascertained that Brennan and his committee were completely uninvolved in the decision of which fighters would be recognized by the USBA/I as world champions. The championship chairman was in fact unaware of who some of the organization's 12 world champions are.

The champions were selected and the ratings were compiled by Lee and ratings chairman Francis Walker, who is chairman of the Pennsylvania Athlectic Commission. Their choices for champions were logical in most instances (i.e., heavyweight Larry Holmes, light heavyweight Michael Spinks and middleweight Marvin Hagler), but arbitrary and questionable in others. One strange selection was Davey Moore as junior middleweight champion instead of Thomas Hearns, even though Hearns had the undeniably stronger claim. Another lapse was the selection of Juan LaPorte as featherweight champion instead of Eusebio Pedroza, who beat LaPorte in a title fight.

The suspicion was strong that Moore was granted recognition as a concession to his promoter, Bob Arum. Arum, however, failed to reciprocate: When he staged the Moore-Roberto Duran fight—in which Davey lost his

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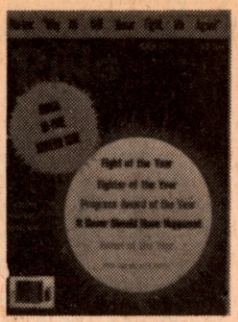


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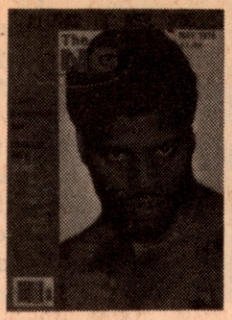

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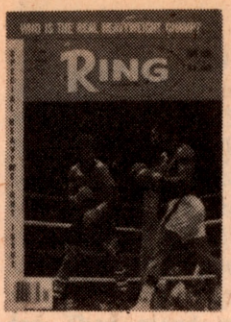


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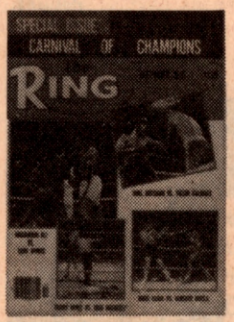


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JUN '79 featuring Larry Holmes, Shavers-Norton, Park-Canto, French greats, "Little Red" Lopez, more

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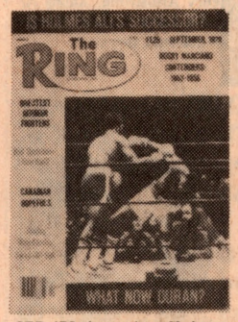
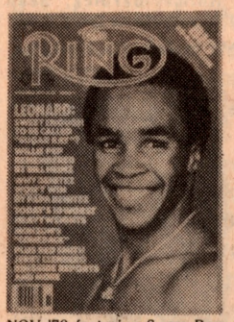



SEP '79 featuring Holmes-Weaver, Duran-Palomino, Tate-Knoetze, Lupe Pintor, Loubet's finale, more

OCT '79 featuring Ali in pictures, first B. Sugar issue, Too Tall Jones, Jimmy Bivins, Greg Page, Sam Taub, more

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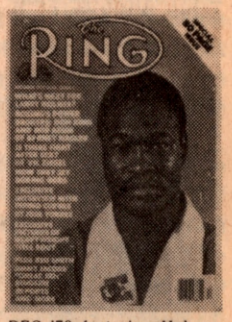


DEC '79 featuring Holmes-Shavers, Arum and King, Ingemar Johansson, Pipino Cuevas, more

MAY '80 featuring Rocky Marciano, Miami's 5th Street Gym, Benny Leonard, Hilmer Kenty, Ali comeback, more

JUN '80 featuring Roberto Duran, Beau Jack, Muhammad-Conteh, Mike Weaver, Cervantes-Montilla, more

JUL '80 featuring Leonard-Duran program, Hearns-Gazo, Leo Randolph, George Foreman, more

AUG '80 featuring Marvis Frazier, Duran-Leonard, The only man to knock out Ali, US Amateurs, more

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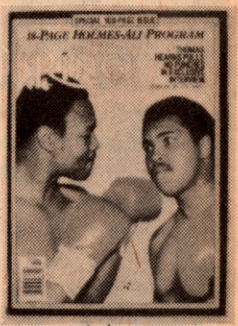


**OCT '80 Holmes-Ali Program Issue featuring Thomas Hearns, Saoul Mamby, Carmen Basilio, Pryor-Cervantes, more

**NOV '80 Joe Louis Issue featuring Arthur Donovan, Leo Randolph, Aaron Pryor, Phila. Jack O'Brien, more

DEC '80 featuring Thomas Hearns, Marvin Hagler, Hagler-Minter, Holmes-Ali, Pintor-Owen, more

JAN '81 featuring Gerry Cooney, Larry Holmes, M. Spinks-Lopez, Watt-O'Grady, Mike Weaver, more

FEB '81 featuring Victor Galindez killed, DeNiro as LaMotta, Jeff Chandler, Norton-Cobb, Mustafa Muhammad, more

MAR '81 featuring Thomas Hearns, Fighter-Fight-Round of the Year, Pintor-Davila, more

APR '81 featuring MAPSCAM, Marvin Hagler, Jaime Garza, Billy Fox, Pedroza-Ford, Chandler-Lujan, more

MAY '81 featuring The worst champs, Duran machismo, Floyd Patterson, Flores-Gushiken, John Tate, more

JUN '81 featuring Sugar Ray Leonard, Joe Louis dies, Holmes-Berbick, Sean O'Grady-Hilmer Kenty, more

JUL '81 featuring Matthew Saad Muhammad, Tommy Burns, Cooney-Norton, Micky Walker, Carlos Zarate, more

AUG '81 featuring Wildred Benitez, Bob Fitzsimmons, Henry Armstrong, Alexis Arguello, Larry Holmes, Hagler-Antuofermo, more

**SEP '81 Leonard-Hearns Program Issue featuring Yaqui Lopez, Pipino Cuevas, Red Smith on Louis-Conn I, more

OCT '81 featuring Larry Holmes, M. Spinks-Mustafa Muhammad, Boxing's TV picture, Rocky Graziano, more

NOV '81 featuring Salvador Sanchez, LaPorte-Lockridge, Sugar Ray Leonard-Thomas Hearns, Whitey Bimstein by Liebling, more

DEC '81 featuring Sugar Ray Leonard, the WBA Plot, Gil Turner, Arguello-Mancini, Hagler-Hamsho, more

JAN '82 featuring Thomas Hearns, Tony Ayala, Tex Cobb, Gene Tunney, Holmes-Snipes, Arguello-Elizondo, more

FEB '82 featuring Holmes-Cooney program, Muhammad Ali, Sean O'Grady, Pedrosa-Ballas, Braxton-Muhammad, more

MAR '82 featuring Salvador Sanchez, Ray Leonard, Fighter-Fight-Round of the Year, Dwight Braxton, more

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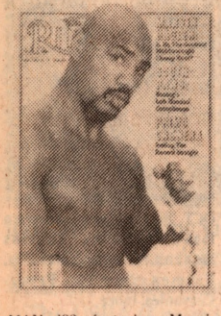


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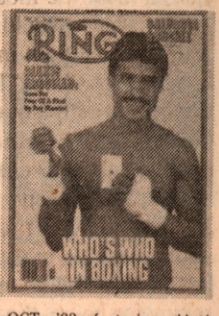
JUN '82 featuring Aaron Pryor, Sylvester Stallone, Jack Dempsey, Braxton-Martin, Chandler-Carter, Spinks-Sutherland, more

JUL '82 featuring Ray Leonard, Ray Mancini, Greg Page, Tony Canzoneri, Jack Johnson, Moore-Weir, Page-Young, more

AUG '82 featuring Holmes-Cooney, Howard Davis, Atlantic City, Limon-Navarrete, Arguello-Ganigan, more

SEP '82 featuring Leon Spinks,. The Curisers, Marvin Hagler, Max Baer, Sanchez-Nelson, Fletcher-Jackson, more




OCT '82 featuring Alexis Arguello, Salvador Sanchez, Sandy Sadler, Tommy Loughran, Thomas-Tillis, more

title—he ignored the USBA/I and obtained only a WBA sanction.

The USBA/I ratings have one immediately-noticable difference from ratings issued by anyone else. In each division they list a champion, follwed by 12 contenders. The top two names have no number, but are instead labeled "E.C.", for "Elite Challenger." The remaining names are then assigned the numbers 1 through 10.

The new system's main contribution seems to be confusion. For example, the official USBA/I heavyweight ratings are as follows:

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| Champion | Larry Holmes | |
| E.C. | Michael Dokes | USA |
| E.C. | Greg Page | USA |
| 1. | Pinklon Thomas | USA |
| 2. | Mike Weaver | USA |
| 3. | Tim Witherspoon | USA |
| 4. | Randall Cobb | USA |
| 5. | Gerrie Coetzee | |
| 6. | Renaldo Snipes | USA |
| 7. | John Tate | USA |
| 8. | Scott Frank | USA |
| 9. | Tony Tucker | USA |
| 10. | Trevor Berbick | USA |

Now where should a reporter say Scott Frank is rated? The number alongside his name is 8, but if you count down the list from the top, you will see that he is in fact ranked 10th. "Anyone can find fault with any ratings," says Lee, who finds merit in the "Elite Challenger" system. "Sometimes a promoter can't sell a fight to TV. The WBA and WBC force the fight on the champion and promoter. But the USBA/I will give the promoter and the champion a choice. The champion will never be compelled to fight any one fighter. The champion must defend against *either* one of the Elite Challengers."

Of course, one can plainly see that with a system such as that, a champion would be able to duck the most dangerous contender forever. There would always be another E.C. who he could fight instead. "That would not happen," says Lee. "The champion will have to defend his title against *both* Elite Challengers." But that negates the original premise: that a champion will never be forced to fight anyone. The only realistic solution to the problem of "compulsory mismatches" is to use a good set of ratings.

It is while expounding on the USBA/I's reason for being, that Lee explains how they will come up with a good set of ratings. "The federal government can't wait to get involved with boxing," says Lee. "We don't need federal intervention. The Feds can't do anything about narcotics, old-age and crime. They can't solve our problems. The boxing promoters must band together.

But it is Lee's concept of a partnership with the promoters that is the most controversial aspect of the USBA/I. "We need promoters active in the USBA/I so that we will be responsive to your needs," Lee said at the Stadium Club. "We will create a promoters' advisory committee to give input to the ratings committee. The promoters are the people who work with boxing, day in, day out."

But most of the promoters rejected the idea outright. "This promoters' advisory committee immediately gives you a conflict of interest from the start," argues Jeff Levine of Round One Promotions. "Promoters always have the power to advise. But if you set up a committee of three or four promoters. . . If *I'm* not one of them, I know they're not going to recommend *my* fighter!"

"Most promoters can't even agree on whose name to put first in the advertisments for a co-promotion," adds Russell Peltz. "You need an outside body like the International Boxing Writers' Association or *Ring* magazine to supply the ratings."

Lou Duva, manager of Rocky Lockridge, James "Hardrock" Green and other top contenders, echoed Peltz' thoughts on the ratings. As much as boxing people mistrust the press, they prefer the press to rival boxing people.

Not everyone is willing to accept the USBA/I, with or without its ratings. Take Don King. King found the perfect opportunity to sabotage the meeting at the Stadium Club and did not fail to take advantage when the question of rating South Africans was raised (Gerrie Coetzee, who moved from South Africa to the U.S., is listed in the ratings with his country omitted). USBA/I legal advisor Alvin Goodman put the issue off, saying that it would be resolved before the USBA/I convention in Reno, Nevada this summer.

Don King was up in a flash. "This is subterfuge," King hollered at Goodman. "You're trying to take the decision away from the president. You're emasculating Bob Lee. You're turning him into a token house-nigger!"

King's ugly and embarrassing display was made all the more ridiculous by the fact that the large majority of high officers in the USBA/I are black. Lee is certainly no token.

"Of course, King is determined to destroy this organization," Bob Arum said afterward. "I mean, he already owns the other two!"

"Should I dignify that with a response?," asked King rhetorically. "I'm here only as an observer. I'll withhold comment on the USBA/I.

"Bob Arum can't get along with any organization. First he had the WBC, but I outperformed him there. Then he had the WBA. Now we've all seen the story in *Ring* magazine." King held up a copy of the Arum interview for emphasis. "This man is a self-confessed briber and corruptor. I'm being investigated by the government. He *admits* to doing the very things I'm being investigated for. They spend millions of dollars investigating me for allegedly doing what Bob Arum openly admits. Because I'm a black man and he's Harvard-educated, white and Jewish.

Arum's fallen out with the WBA and WBC so now he thinks he can just go and start another organization."

"King is just here to ruin it," said Lou Duva, standing with Dan Duva and Mickey Duff. "Just look around you at all the people here. If anyone says this group is controlled by Arum, he's full of it."

Subsequent events have dispelled any lingering suspicion that the USBA/I is a Bob Arum-front. Arum went down south to meet with Gilberto Mendoza and patch things up with the WBA before the Duran-Moore title fight.

The USBA/I's scheduled summer convention in Reno was postponed. It will probably be held in the fall and will probably involve a restructuring of the organization. To gain international support, the USBA/I will have to be more mindful of foreign sensibilities. As a first step, the group will probably undergo a name change: International Boxing Federation—or IBF—is Lee's choice as the new nom de sport. But whatever structural changes are made to give other countries more representation, the USBA/I will not allow the power base to be usurped by foreigners. If voting strength is made proportional to a jurisdiction's championship boxing activity, the United States will maintain control. "Almost all the money comes from the U.S." says Lee. "The U.S. will not give up control."

Will the USBA/I make it? "We will become *the* one group to deal with in international boxing," says Bill Brennan.

"We're not trying to fight with the WBA and WBC," Lee says realistically. "We're not telling any champions to give up what they already have." (Lee does say however that USBA/I title fights must be 15 rounds. That may force certain champions to choose between the USBA/I and the WBC, which still insists on 12-rounders.)

In the final analysis, the key to success in the title-sanctioning business—for the

USBA/I each sanction brings in 1 percent of the fighters' purses—is acceptance by network television. The ill-conceived World Athletic Association, formed two years ago by Pat O'Grady, could never surmount that obstacle. And it never amounted to anything.

The USBA/I appears acceptable to TV. "We would certainly be interested in televising a legitmate USBA/I world title fight," says Mort Sharnik, the boxing consultant at CBS.

Should the USBA/I make it, fighters managers and promoters will have a new means to stand up to the sometimes-extortionist edicts of the WBA and WBC. It is for that reason that most people in boxing are rooting for the USBA/I to get off the ground, even if they are less-than-satisfied with what the group has shown them so far. And it is for that reason that the WBA and WBC are running a little bit scared.

USBA/I WORLD CHAMPIONS

| | |
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| **Heavyweight** | Larry Holmes |
| **Cruiserweight** | Carlos DeLeon |
| **Light Heavyweight** | Michael Spinks |
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| **Welterweight** | Donald Curry |
| **Junior Welterweight** | Aaron Pryor |
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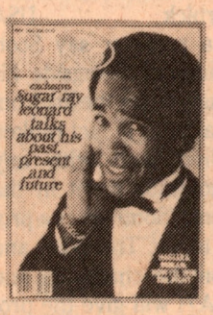


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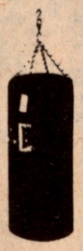

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"I was still in a state of depression when I was invited to make an appearance at Madison Square Garden for the Golden Gloves Finals by the sponsoring newspaper."

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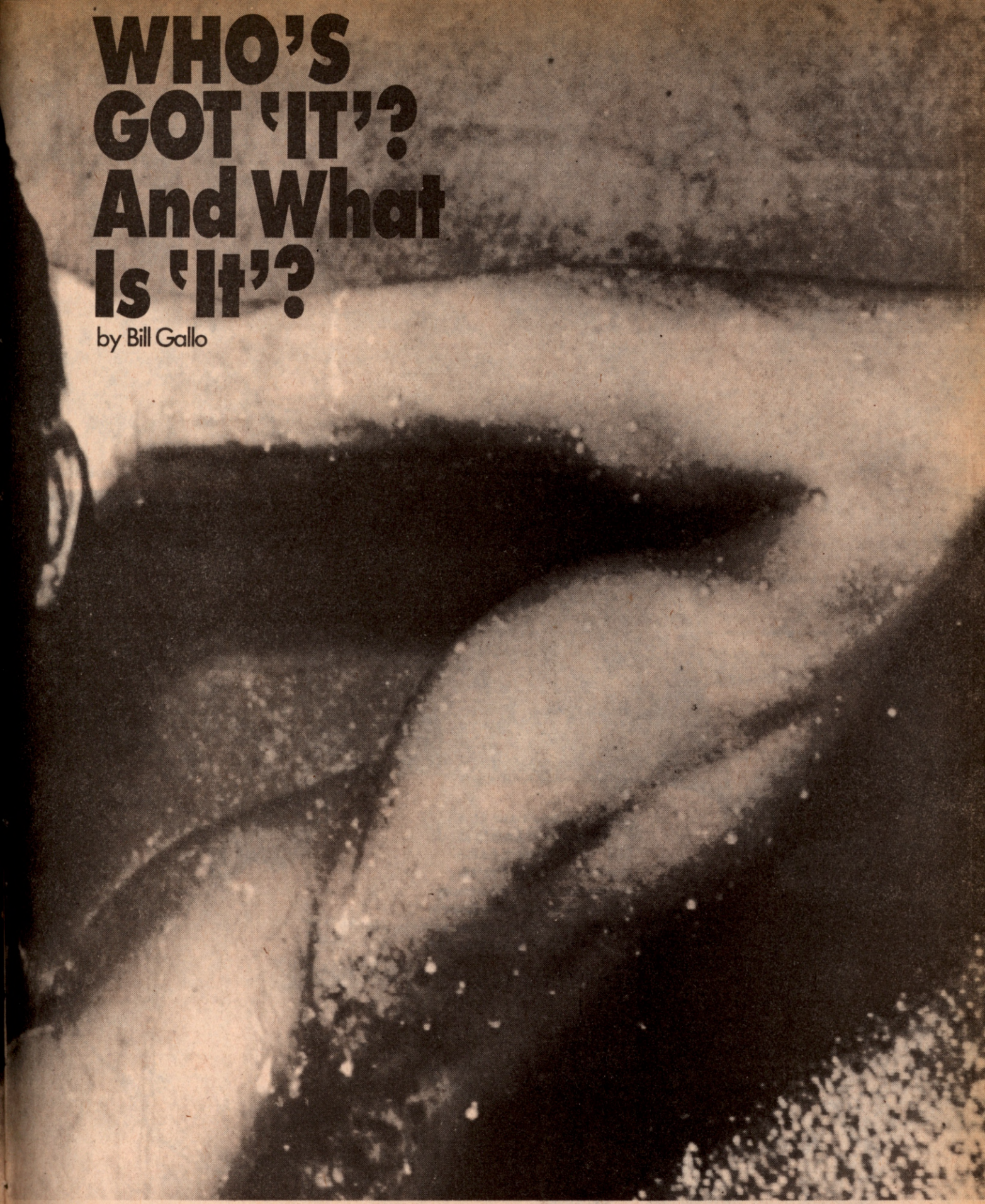
# WHO'S GOT 'IT'? And What Is 'It'?

by Bill Gallo



a tumultuous ovation. "I think the New York people love me," he said. "And it really surprises me. I have never had such a great feeling in my life."

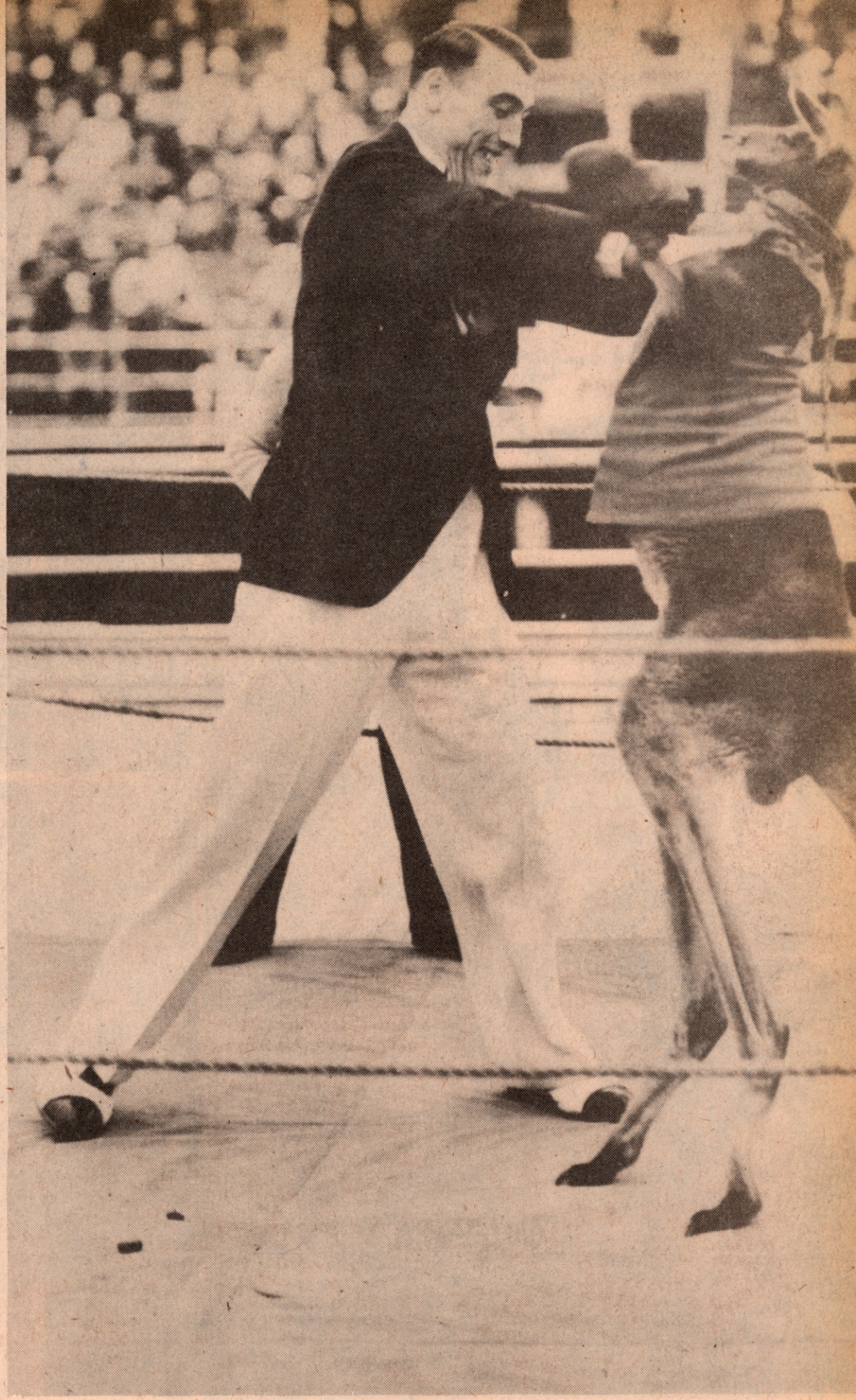
Some athletes, like Jack Dempsey and Joe DiMaggio have that indefinable little something, that charisma, that *duende*, that touch of class called, for lack of a better word, "It," a word first used to describe Clara Bow, the silent movies' "It" girl. That intangible quality is what set a Clark Gable apart from a Robert Taylor, a Marilyn Monroe from Jayne Mansfield, a Red Grange apart from a Bronco Nagurski. Alexis Arguello has "It." The "It" has nothing to do with being a nice guy or excellence in the ring. Merely that he has that quality. That thing called "It."

***Clockwise from the bottom: Joe Louis and Marcel Cerdan fake wake up calls for the camera. Jack Sharkey relaxes with admirers. Primo Carnera mixes it up with a marsupial.***

Joe Louis had "It," just as Dempsey had. Gene Tunney didn't and neither did Rocky Marciano. Muhammad Ali had "It" and so did Tony Canzoneri, Barney Ross, Henry Armstrong and Sugar Ray Robinson.

Larry Holmes tries like hell but misses, as do Michael Dokes and Mike Weaver. Kid Gavilan, in spite of his fancy stuff—in and out of the ring—never had "It." Carlos Monzon, a great fighter, did not have "It." (In fact, the Great Monzon could walk into a room and empty it). George Foreman didn't come close to having "It." Or Sonny Liston, or Ingemar Johanssen. Or Jersey Joe Walcott, as well liked as he was. Jimmy Braddock was in the same class—all nice guys who couldn't stop traffic.

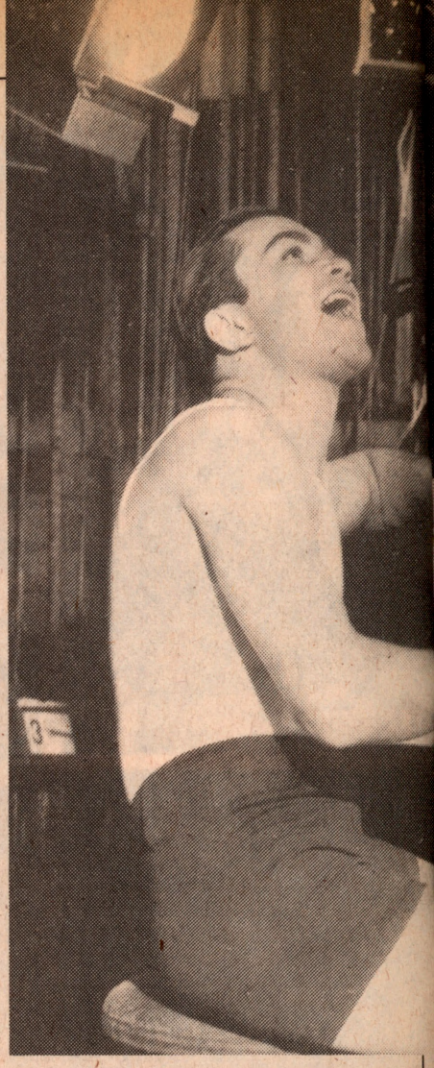
The trouble with compiling this kind of list



is that you are sure to get some noses out of their wobbly joints. Everybody wants to have "It," few do. Tell them they haven't got "It" and it's like telling someone he's got no personality or that his mother wears army boots.

I don't remember Harry Greb, the only man to beat Gene Tunney, but real old-timers tell me that he was an all business-type of guy who would not be recognized outside the center of the ring. Freddie Steele, the former middleweight champ, had a good enough personality to become a competent actor, but he didn't have "It."

Billy Soose, Randy Turpin, Bobo Olsen, Gene Fullmer, Paul Pender, Terry Downes, Joey Giardello, together they never had "It." Neither did Red Cochrance, Johnny Saxton,

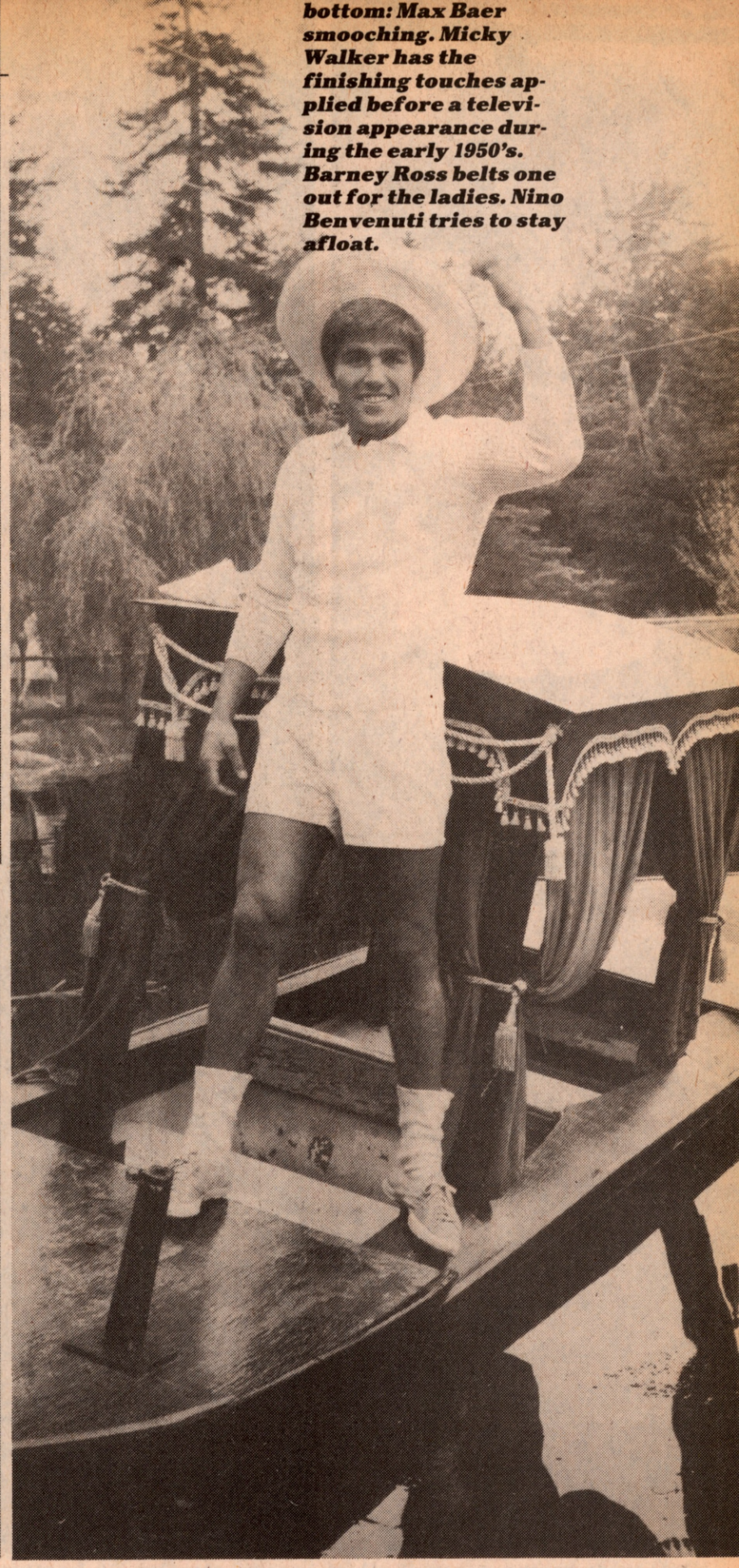


Marty Servo or Benny "Kid" Paret. But Carlos Palamino had a hint of "It."

They tell me Ted "Kid" Lewis, the flamboyant British welterweight, had "It" in the 1920s, as did Benny Leonard. But Virgil Akins, Don Jordon and Luis Rodriguez didn't.

The farthest away from having "It" were forgotten names like Charlie Shipes, a champion of sorts, remember? Also on the faraway list are names like Hegemon Lewis, Juan Zuarita, James Carter, Armando Ramos, Petey Sarron, Leo Rodak, John Tate, Jimmy Ellis and Harold Gomes.

Promoter Don King has "It." Bob Arum hasn't. Ray Ardel has "It" but Freddie Brown hasn't. Billy Conn Had "It" as a light heavyweight, but Bob Foster didn't. Roberto Duran had "It," but then only as a lightweight and only with the Latin fight fan. Marcel Cerdan definitely had "It" and so



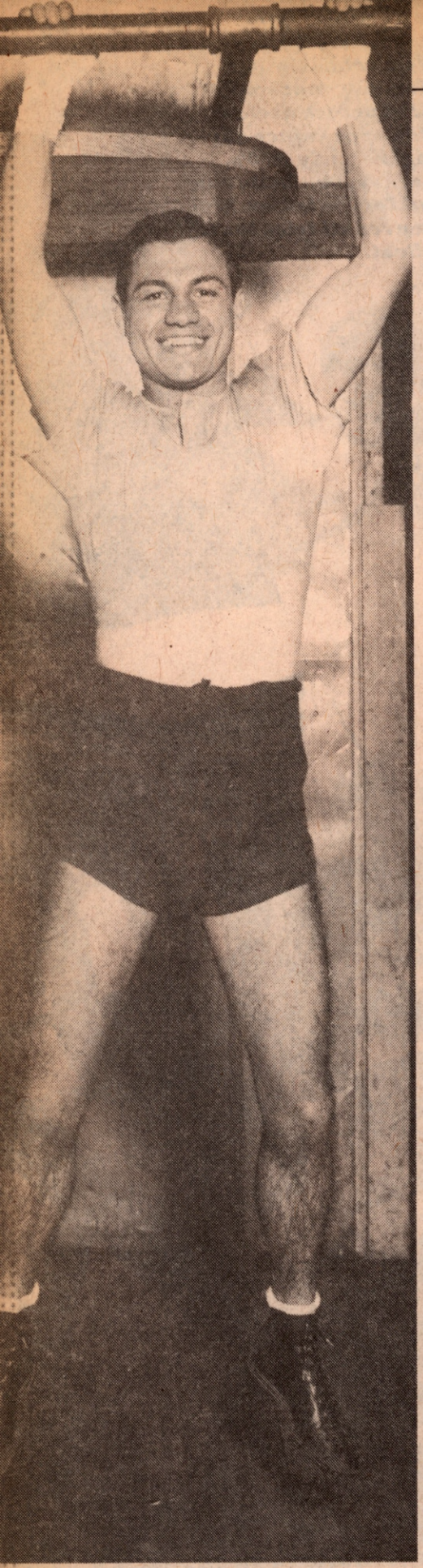
***bottom: Max Baer smooching. Micky Walker has the finishing touches applied before a television appearance during the early 1950's. Barney Ross belts one out for the ladies. Nino Benvenuti tries to stay afloat.***

did Tommy Loughran. Max Baer had "It" without question but his brother Buddy didn't. Jimmy McLarnin and Billy Petrolle, two very good fighters, didn't have "It" and neither did poor Ezzard Charles.

Floyd Patterson is a peach of a guy and universally liked but he just misses the star quality and so does Joe Frazier. Ol' Long Pants Archie Moore was a good character and likeable but he's another who just misses.

The best boxer in the world at one time (and maybe of all time) was Willie Pep and even he just misses. Dick Tiger didn't have it and neither do the Spinks brothers, Michael and Leon.

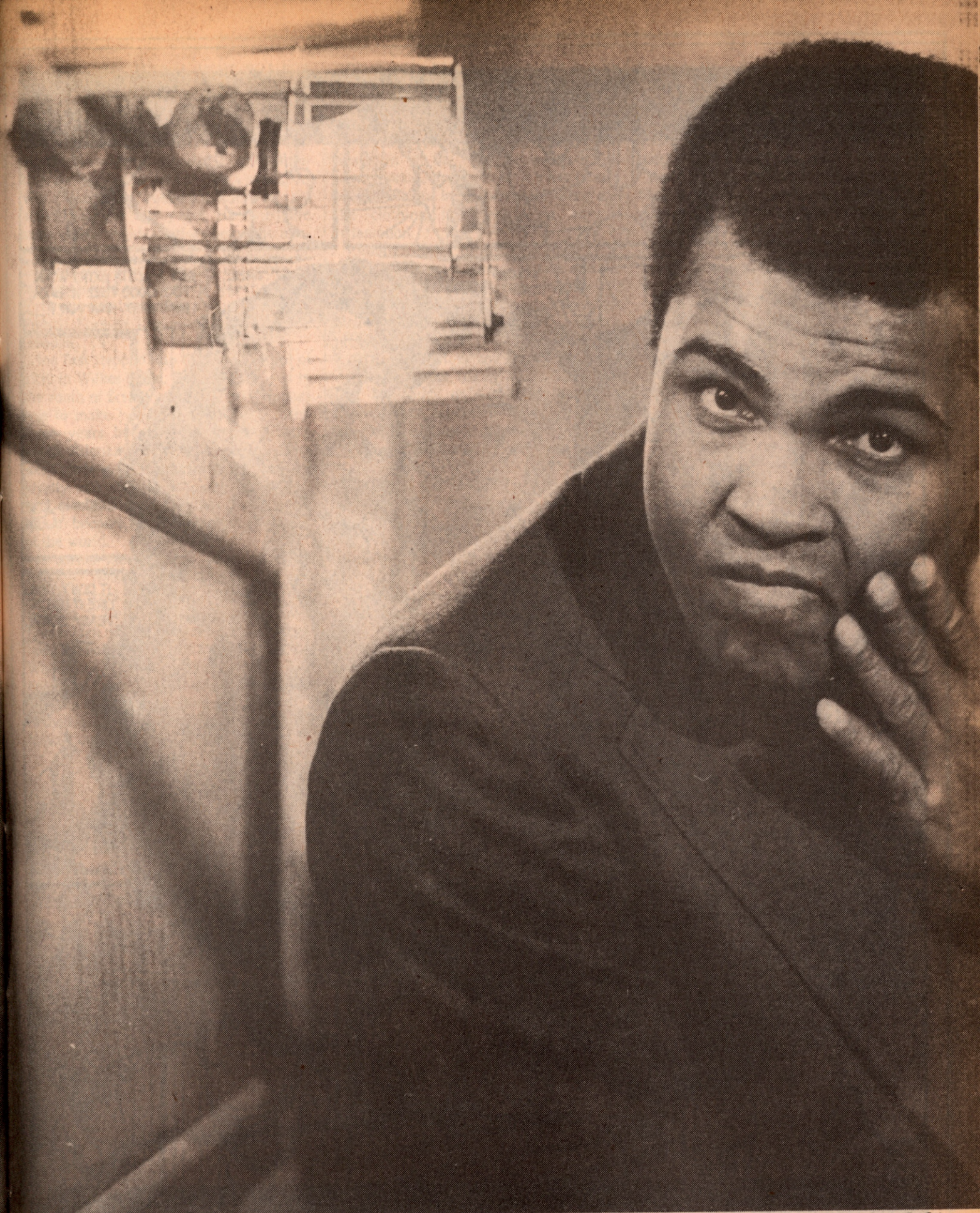
In my book—and this is my book, you make your own list—Beau Jack had "It." And so did Jack Sharkey, the crying Gob out of Boston. In spite of his name, Flash Elorde didn't but Terrible Terry McGovern did.



Abe Attell had "It" and he had it even more when he was suspected of having something to do with throwing the 1919 World Series. Well, anyway, Shoeless Joe Jackson certainly had "It," so you see what I mean? You really don't have to be the good guy. Even Howard Cosell had "It." So there!

Rocky Graziano didn't have it when he fought, but has grown into "It" as an entertainer. Jack LaMotta doesn't have "It." Tony Zale never had "It." Emile Griffith, in spite of his five titles, did not have "It," but the man he lost to, Nino Benvenuti, did.

Vito Antuofermo didn't have "It" and surprisingly the best fighter in the world today, Marvin Hagler, doesn't have "It" either. Boom Boom Mancini may one day have "It" but not yet. The Toy Bulldog, Mickey



***Muhammad Ali reflects (above), while Tony Canzoneri chins (left).***

Walker, had "It"—big. Fritzie Zivic didn't; Wilfred Benitez doesn't. Sugar Ray Leonard was on his way to having it. Sandy Saddler didn't but Kid Chocolate did.

Max Schmeling never had "It," but Primo Carnera did in a freakish sort of way. Willie Pastrano didn't have it and neither did Jose Torres; Bob Olin, Gus Lesnevich or Anton Christoforidis, but Maxie Rosenbloom did.

George Carpentier had "It," only in France, as Luis Firpo had "It" in Argentina, but no matter what country he came from, Jess Willard didn't have "It." Willard, when he worked in Dempsey's restaurant for a spell, would walk the Broadway Street unrecognized in spite of his 6-6 size. Gerry Cooney might've had it but he's worked very hard to get rid of "It." So there!

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# JOE PALOOKA: CARTOON CHAMPION

By Charles Singer

HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL FIGHT WAS FOR the heavyweight championship of the world, but unlike Pete Rademacher, he won. He retired undefeated when there were no more worlds to conquer, but unlike Jim Jeffries, he won his comeback fight for the title. He enlisted in the army as a private in World War II, but unlike Joe Louis, he saw active duty for five years. He dated the same girl for eighteen years before he married her. He never did a dishonest or dishonorable deed in his life, nor spoke so much as a mild obscenity. He was champ for forty years, not including a short tour in the French Foreign Legion. His name is Joe Palooka.

Joe first stepped into the ring in April of 1930 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, just to the south of Scranton where Larry Holmes was to make his professional debut forty-three years later. A raw-boned country youth, Palooka's outstanding characteristics were his large size, great strength, dog-like loyalty and abysmal stupidity. It was this rare combination of qualities that enabled him to become the heavyweight champion of the world.

It seems that Joe had taken a job in Knobby Walsh's haberdashery for two dollars a week, with the promise of a raise to three in a year or so if he worked hard. Knobby left the store in Joe's care one afternoon while he went out to play pinochle. While he was gone, a gang of local hoodlums came in, ransacked the merchandise and left, blithely telling Joe to charge it to their account. Knobby came back to find himself out of business.

Discovering he has been duped and his benefactor ruined, Joe tracks the gang to the local pool hall where he proceeds to wipe the floor with the goons and recover the inventory, literally pulling a sizable portion of it off the prostrate bodies of his tormentors. Unfortunately, Joe has been a bit overzealous in his pursuit of justice and the clothing has been torn beyond redemption.

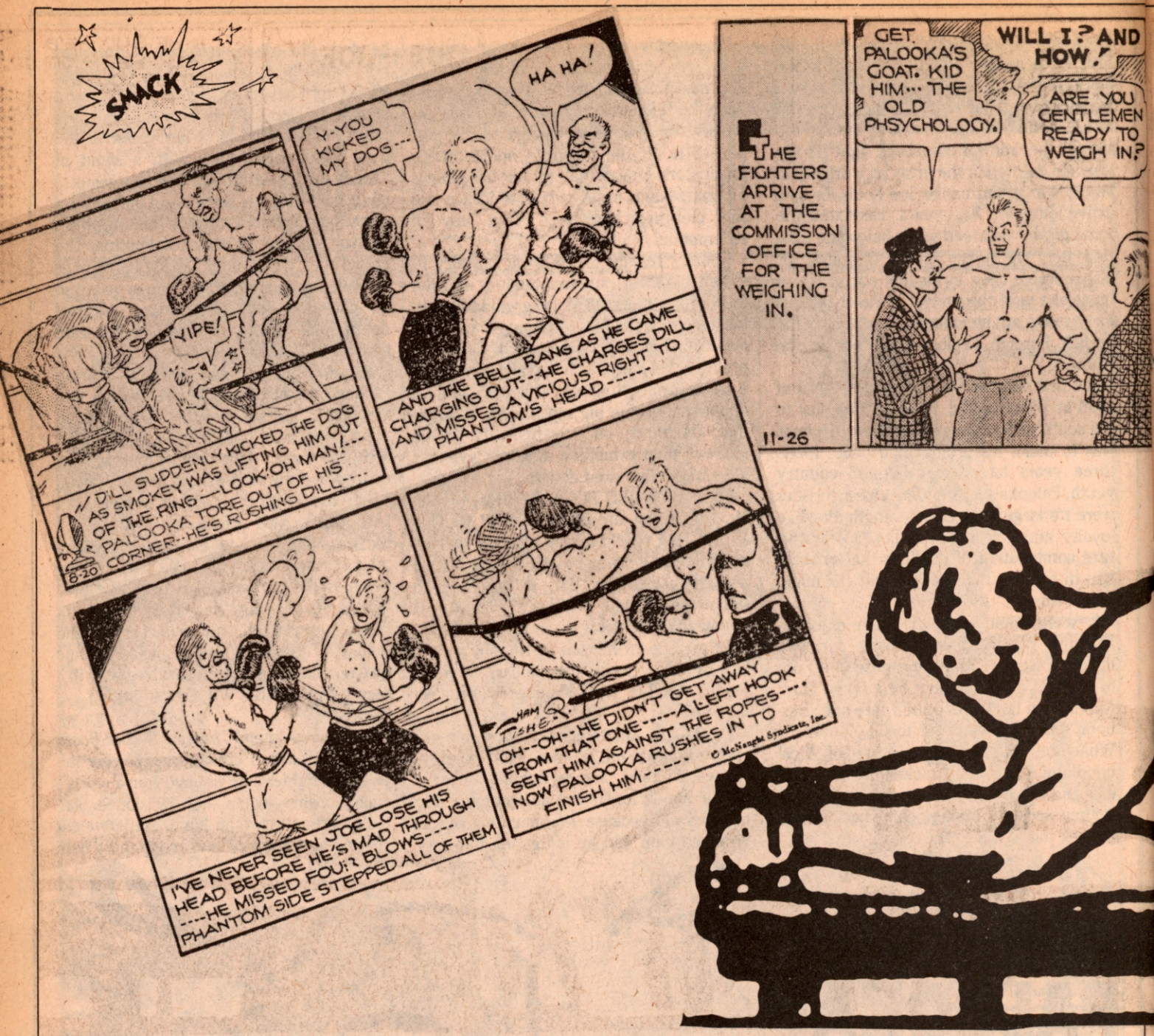
Knobby repairs to the local hostelry to drown his sorrows where, as luck and the fine art of comic strip plotting would have it, he meets Doc Wise, manager of Jack McSwat, champion of the world. Doc has a problem. He and the champ are in town on a barnstorming tour and Doc can't find an opponent—"some big sap the champ wont hoit his hands on"—to fight the brutal McSwat in an exhibition match . . . even for a fee of five hundred dollars.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS! "Hey please, Mr. Doc—I got the BIGGEST SAP IN THE WORLD for you." Knobby is suddenly back in business. In fact, he has a new line of work, fight manager, even if it promises to last no more than one bout. The deal is struck and Palooka is given the chance not only to redeem himself in Knobby's eyes, but to earn twenty-five dollars as well, thanks to his new manager's princely generosity.

Fight night, and things are not going well for the home team. Besides being hopelessly overmatched, Joe is fighting under a double handicap: He can not get himself to hit McSwat because the man has never wronged him, and he is fighting him one-handed, the other strategically occupied holding his home made, polka dot bathing trunks up. Then, after five rounds of fearful pounding, Knobby has a brainstorm. He tells Joe that McSwat is the leader of the gang that robbed him. With a shout of "Youse un-honest crook," Joe charges in a blind rage from his corner and unleashes a right uppercut that catches the surprised McSwat flush on the proverbial button. The crowd goes, well, "nutty," as Joe stands over the fallen champion, daring him to get up so he can give him some more. McSwat doesn't, and is counted out—face down on canvas.

But now for an even greater surprise. Boxing commissioner Weener climbs into the ring and announces that "according to the boxing laws of this state a DECISION MUST be given." (This appears to have been a fact when the strip was originally drawn.) "Therefore, with the greatest of pleasure I introduce the conqueror of Jack McSwat—and the new heavyweight champion of the world, JOE PALOOKA!" Joe assumes the burden of his new title with grace, proclaiming that from that point hence, he will fight "only against crooks and bullies." (There is a strong suspicion in some quarters that those words survive today in a secret clause of the WBA constitution.)

It is time to amend *The Ring Record Book*. Wilfred Benitez is credited with being the youngest fighter ever to have won a world's championship—when he decisioned Antonio Cervantes for the Junior Welterweight crown—at the age of seventeen and a half.

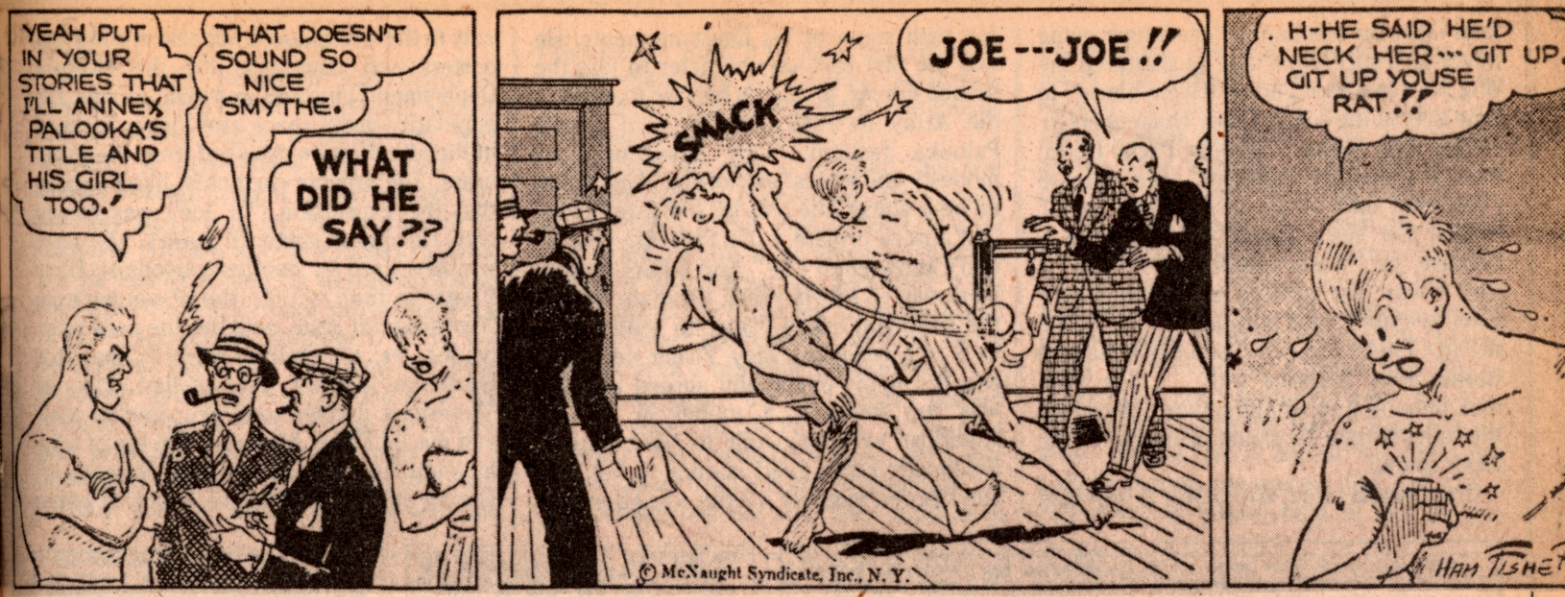


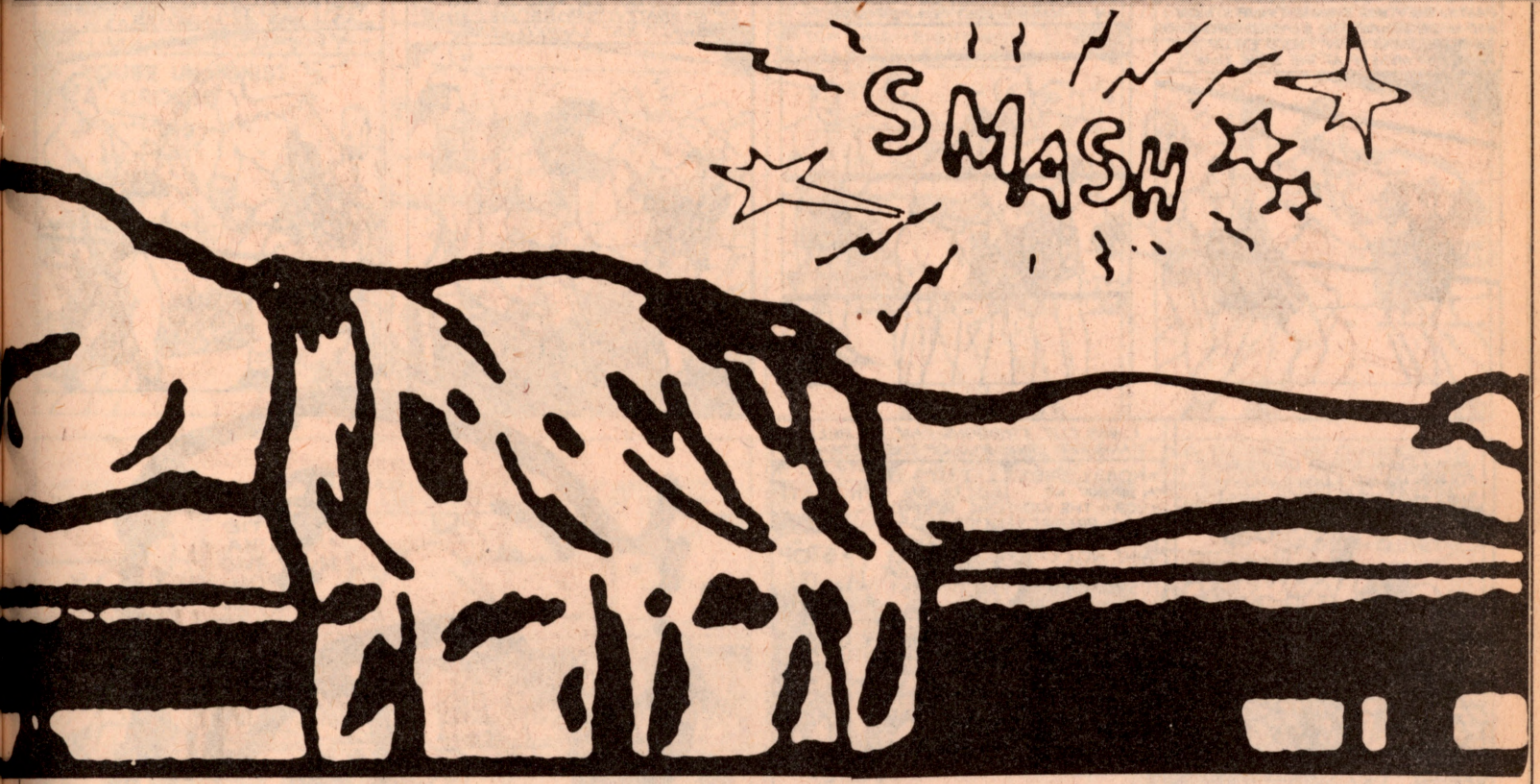

Joe Palooka was sixteen when he knocked out McSwat in 1930. Actually, Joe was born in 1921 when Ham Fisher, a cartoonist-reporter-writer and part time ad salesman for the *Wilkes-Barre Herald* stopped by Columbo's poolroom and got to talking with a local fighter. "Hey, Ham," said the tanker, "How about I and youse havin' a game of golüf at the muni-ciple course?" As Fisher told it later: "This had the effect on me of a large economy sized A-bomb. Here, made to order, was the comic strip character I had been looking for—a big, good-natured prize fighter who didn't like to fight; a defender of little guys; a gentle knight. I ran back to the office, drew a set of strips and rushed to the newspaper syndicates. They turned me down colder than a pug on the canvas. This went on for eight years."

Without too much imagination, Fisher named his fighter, "Joe Dumbelletski." And although he continued to work as a newspaperman, entered local politics and eventually started his own paper in 1925, Fisher never gave up his dream of a successful strip starring Dumbelletski. Somewhere along the line he heard fight manager Leo P. Flynn use the slang word "palooka" to refer to a punched-over fighter, and Fisher renamed his character. When his own paper folded, Fisher packed up, Palooka and all, and moved to New York, where he took a job with the *Daily News* selling advertising space, continually pitching his strip to any one who would sit still for his aggressive patter. One who did was Charles McAdams, president of the McNaught Syndicate. McAdams was not interested in Palooka, it was one of the worst drawn strips he had ever seen. But he was so impressed by Fisher's enthusiasm and tenacity that he offered him a job as a syndicate salesman.

Fisher saw an opening and jumped in. His first assignment was a strip called Show Girl (later renamed Dixie Dugan). He had great success with it on a forty-day tour that covered most of the country, and at each stop he made, he promised the editor that when next he returned, it would be with the greatest comic strip ever created. The strip he had in mind, of course, was none other than his own Joe Palooka.

When Fisher returned to New York, his boss was more than happy with his record as a salesman. Fisher, however, had no intention of continuing in that capacity. He




was interested only in selling his own strip. McAdams refused. Fisher insisted on showing him Palooka again, a new Palooka, a completely redrawn Palooka. Not great, but better than the original and good enough to market. "Who did it, Ham?" asked McAdams. "I did." Could Fisher have acquired the necessary talent almost overnight and redone the strip while touring the country? Not likely. Fisher finally confessed; while he had been on the road he had had another artist, Phil Boyle, redraw the strip. McAdams relented, and Fisher, armed with the new improved Palooka and his irrepressible personality, sold his creation in thirty large cities on a twenty-five day jaunt. After that, "Joe was no palooka," and Charles McAdams had lost a promising salesman.

An immediate if modest success, the strip really caught on after the New York *Mirror* began running it on January 1, 1931. Soon Joe Palooka was one of the leading comic strips in America. There was no secret to the appeal of Fisher's heavyweight champ; Palooka himself had pretty much spelled it out when he declared he would fight only "crooks and bullies." Each episode, daily and Sunday, was a morality play with Palooka taking the part of the forces of light and his opponents—in the ring or out—representing evil in varying degrees. In fact, the opponents were a lot more interesting than our predictable hero. There was the hillbilly Big Leviticus, the dirtiest fighter this side of Al "Bummy" Davis, whom Joe fought in the Ozarks while the local yocals jostled for position with their rifles trying to get a clear shot at Joe; Ruffy Balonki, a rotund brawler modeled closely after "Two Ton" Tony Galento, the most colorful of Joe Louis' twenty challengers ("Can Palooka weather the next round—he looks bad...that Balonki is made of iron and as dangerous as a rhino...there's the buzzer...and the rain has stopped...Joe came out looking tired and groggy... Balonki rushes—it looks bad for the champ...ohh—he just got out of the way...Balonki meant to finish it with that blow..."); and Humphry Pennyworth. Fisher drew inspiration for his creation of Pennyworth not from a fighter but from Toots Shor, the legendary restaurateur, fight fan and number one crumb-bum. Palooka barely got by Pennyworth, when he floored the challenger in the closing moments of

their fight, the elephantine challenger going down with such force that he shattered the ring floor and could not extricate himself in time to beat the count. Other challengers included King Abbso of Jyrobia; Packy Derm; French Canadian champion Jean Bateese ("Palooka, she's afraid to fight me! Behol' m'sieu! Eef she's accept my shallenge I, Bateese, pool heem leemb from leemb, by Gar!") who Joe insisted on fighting over Knobby's objections because "...he called me *she*. I been insalted."; and black militant Basher Bray (rhymes with...). Joe even took time off from winning World War II for the Allies to fight Tarpaulin Grumpopski, the Navy champ.

Grumpopski aside, World War II provided Joe with some of his finest moments. He was the first cartoon character to join the Armed Forces, giving up his title to enlist in the Army in 1940. He did it in typical Palooka fashion, with unselfconscious modesty and honest patriotism. "I ain't gonna be a officer," he tells his kid sister Rosie, "jist a buck private. I don't diserve t'be an' don't know enuff t'be." And a buck private he remained for six years, although in 1942 the Pentagon asked Fisher to send Joe to OCS as a recruiting ploy. Fisher demurred and the Army eventually agreed that Joe was too valuable a model in his all-American everyman role to risk changing his image. From Pearl Harbor to V-J Day, Joe labored mightily for the war effort, not only in the newspapers, but also in countless posters and pamphlets for the Defense Department, charities and civic groups. His popularity grew apace and Fisher revelled in the attention he received from the Army brass. The voluble cartoonist liked to brag that the expression "GI Joe" was coined with Palooka in mind. (It wasn't. The term was first used by another cartoonist, Dave Breger in *Yank* in 1942, the GI coming from "Government Issue" and the Joe used simply for its alliterative effect.) and that Hermann Goring had called Palooka "America's number one propaganda tool" and placed Fisher himself at the top of a liquidation list. When asked at Nuremberg, Goring said he had never heard of either

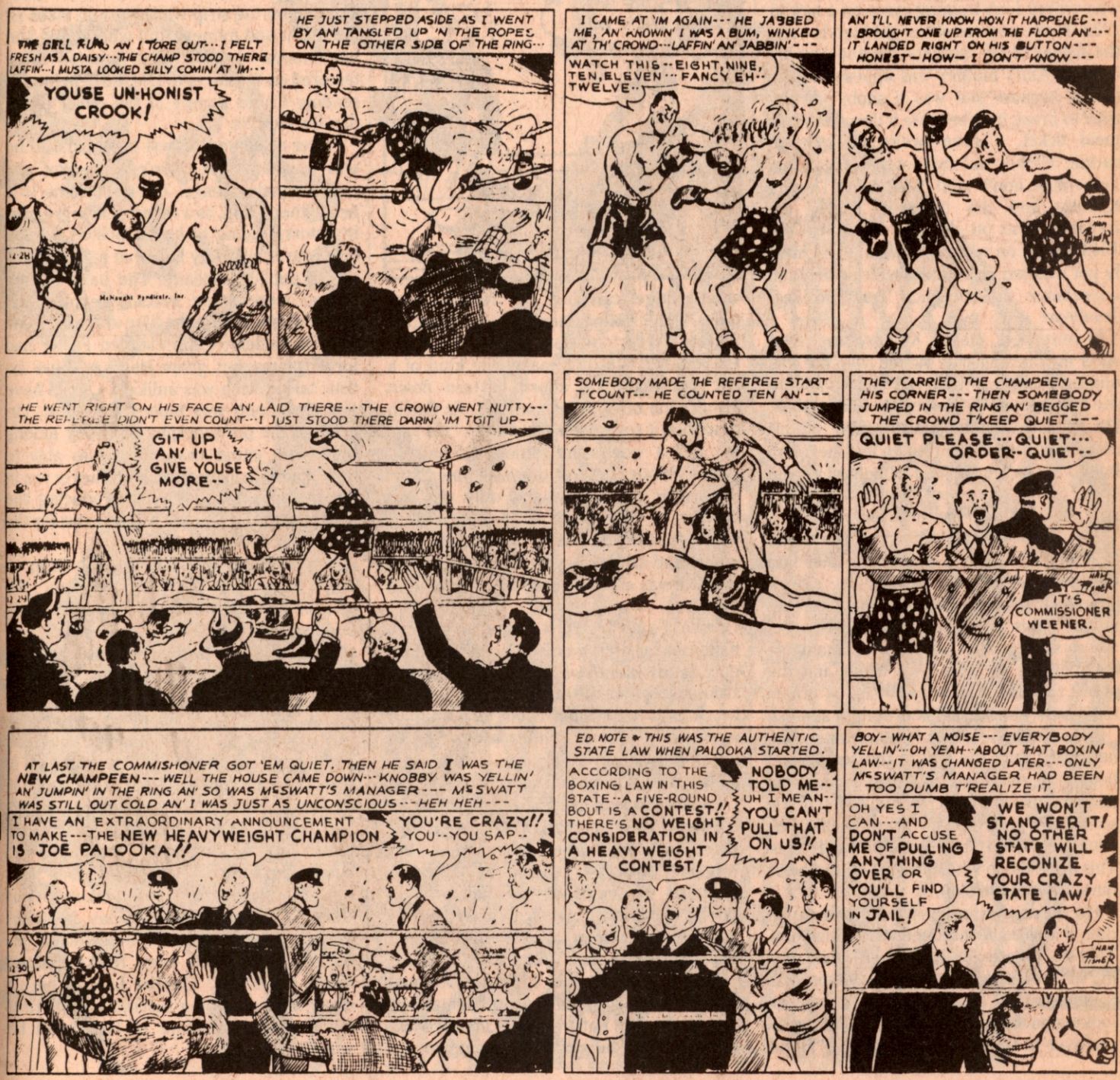
fellow.

But Franklin Roosevelt had heard of Palooka. In 1938 Fisher had plotted himself into a corner. After a falling out with Knobby, a despondent Joe joined the French Foreign Legion. It turned out that not only was Joe in for five years with no reprieve, but that due to a misunderstanding, he was to be shot for desertion. Fisher contacted the White House and through one of FDR's secretaries, Stephen T. Early, got permission from the President to have Roosevelt appear in the *Palooka* strip. So, on June 13 and 14, FDR became the first living president to become part of a newspaper comic strip when he promised Knobby that he would arrange with the President of France to have Joe released. Fisher eventually got to meet Roosevelt, and began dropping his name, continually referring to him as "Frank."

As it did all men it touched, the war changed Palooka. He entered as a hayseed and emerged, if not sophisticated, at least with a better grasp of the niceties of English grammar. The change was necessary. It just would not do to have one of democracy's most stalwart spokesmen sounding like a dropout from a remedial English class.

But underneath the new speech pattern was the same old Joe Palooka. Throughout the years he retained the one quality that set him apart from the rest of humanity: his pure unaffected honesty. Joe came from honest stock. His father was an honest coal miner. His mother sewed his clothes and cooked honest food. His little sister Rosie asked honest questions. And kid brother Steve's hero worship of Joe was honest, open and unalloyed by sibling rivalry.

One would think that such unrelieved truthfulness would tend to make a character admirable, and perhaps lovable, but also somewhat boring. But Joe's honesty served an important function in his daily adventures: it provided an Achilles' heel for an otherwise almost invincible hero, much as kryptonite does for the Man of Steel. For not only was Joe 100% honest, he could not believe anyone else was not also, and it took repeated low blows—both in and outside



the ring—to convince him otherwise. In the brutal world of boxing this childlike trust could have proven fatal, but for a man of Palooka's mythic proportions, it had the effect of combining in one man the two most beloved species of American hero. He could be both champion *and* underdog.

Unlike Diogenes, Knobby Walsh found an honest man, and he knew just what to do with him. He manipulated him much as a conman maneuvers a mark. Fortunately Knobby was not a *bad* man; only a little greedy. Most of the time he had Joe's best interests at heart, such as the time he tricked him into slugging McSwat. But there were other times...

Take Ann Howe for instance. She was a socialite, the daughter of a cheese barron, who visited Joe's training camp on a lark in 1932. To the surprise of her girl friends—and the dismay of her mother—Joe and Ann fell in love. Ann's mother was opposed to the liaison because she was a snob; Knobby tried to break it up because it threatened his meal ticket. ("Listen—we're in a tough racket. Gloves an' liniment, not gals an' love—they don't mix! Wise up!") Despite Knobby and the dowager Howe, the romance went on. And on. And on. Until 1949 it went on when the two of them finally got married, a wedding which rivaled in importance that of Dick Tracy to Tess Trueheart.

In retrospect, maybe Knobby was right. After the marriage Joe moved from the coal mining country of eastern Pennsylvania to the posh suburb of Greenwich, Connecticut. He began spending more time at his restaurant than in the ring. In fact, he didn't fight for ten years, and although he did come out of retirement briefly, it now appears that his fight career is forever over.

It is not uncommon for men who have had to struggle for many years and then find themselves suddenly wealthy to exhibit strange tendencies in their dealings with money. This is especially true of artists whose success rests on props as intangible and delicate as their own talent and the public taste. Some are extravagant, others are misers. Ham Fisher was as tight as a fist.

He was an avid golfer. Needing a new bag he waited until the end of the season and bought the sun bleached display model from the window of Abercrombie & Fitch. He eventually gave up the game because he could not bare to part with the caddy fees. This from a man who earned $3,000 a week during the depression.

His nickel-nursing eventually had rather dire, if indirect, consequences: it killed him. That story started in 1933 when, while driving in New York, he spotted a young man trudging along dejectedly with a familiar-looking package under his arm. Pulling his car over to the curb he called out, "I'll bet

what you're carrying are rejected cartoons." The young man was a struggling 24-year-old cartoonist named Alfred Caplin. He couldn't afford to make any kind of a bet, nor could he afford to turn down Fisher's job offer as his assistant. As Caplin described it seventeen years later: "He paid me $22 a week, and although I had no responsibilities but just one wife, one baby, one cellar apartment, and only one kid brother at Ohio State who needed $3 a week to live (he lived on carrots and unguarded milk), I wasn't a good manager, I guess. I was always broke near the end of the week."

Since Fisher couldn't draw, a decided handicap for a cartoonist, Caplin's primary duty as "assistant" was to render the entire strip—except for the faces of Joe and Knobby. It was all Fisher could do, and for twenty-five years while other artists ghosted the strip, he always did the faces. He got pretty good at it too!

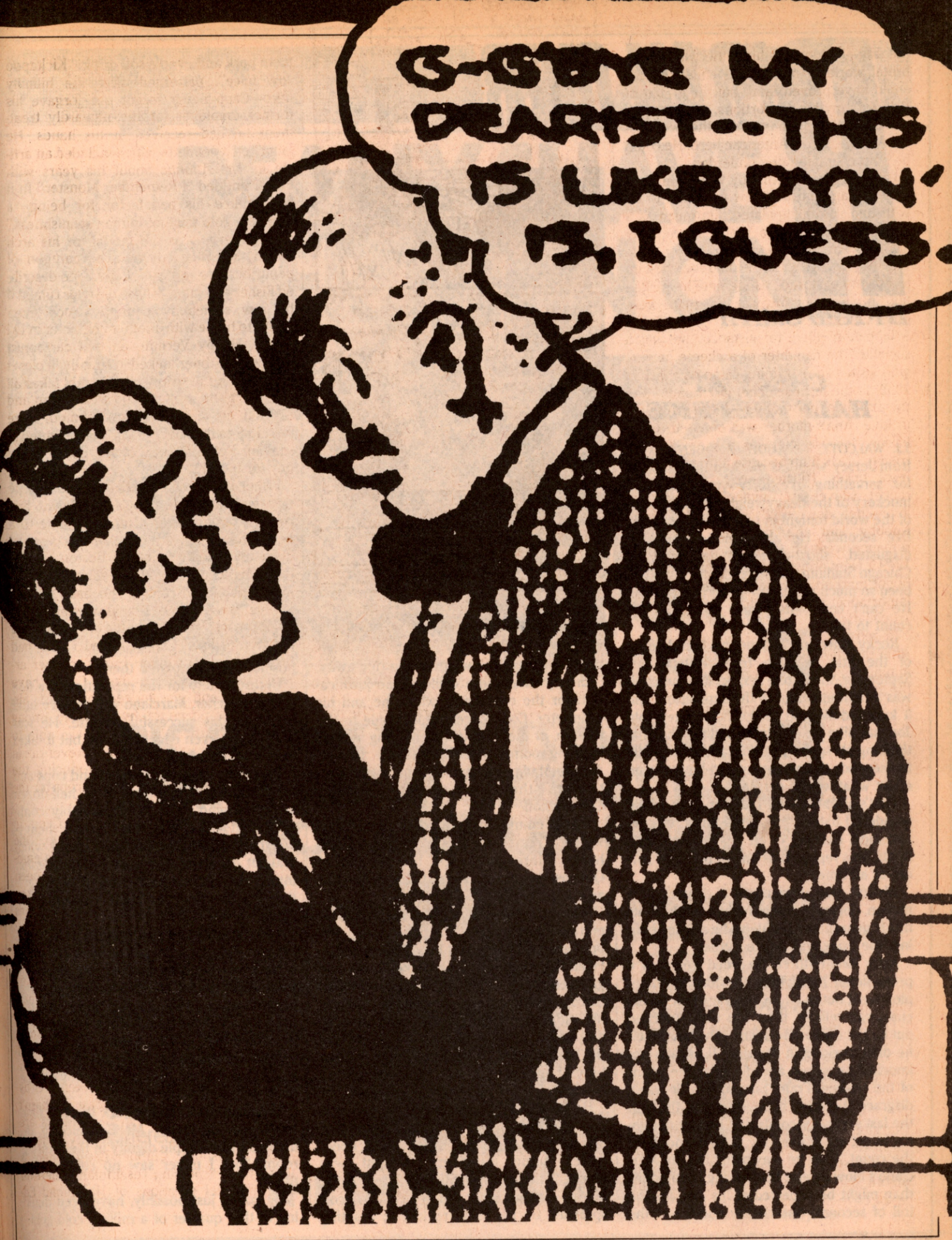
Caplin also supplied Fisher with ideas for a couple of characters. One, taken from those rejected strips that Fisher had originally seen, was the hillbilly fighter Big Leviticus. In August of 1934, Caplin finally got his hillbilly strip syndicated. He signed it Al Capp and named the strip after its main character, Li'l Abner Yokum.

Despite the fact that *Li'l Abner* became one of the most popular comic features in America, far outstripping *Joe Palooka* —with a hit Broadway show, movie, amusement park and even a soft drink, "Kickapoo Joy Juice", patterned after the hillbilly hero—Capp never forgot nor forgave his former employer for the niggardly treatment he had received at his hands. He launched a vendetta which included an article in *The Atlantic* about his years with Fisher entitled "I Remember Monster." In it he thanked his benefactor for being "a veritable gold mine of human swinishness," and for serving as the model for his arch villain, Soft-Hearted John, a "paragon of penuriousness and gall." Capp, who described Fisher as a man "whose day was ruined if he saw somebody eating," struck even closer to home with another character in Li'l Abner, Happy Vermin, an evil cartoonist who keeps Abner locked in a dimly lit closet working on the strip while Vermin takes all the credit and money. And when Capp and his famous creation The Schmoo were featured on the cover of Life, he delighted in sending Fisher a copy of the cover every day for months.

Fisher retaliated as best he could, but he was no match for Capp's wit, talent and ruthless malevolence. The feud came to a head when Capp, as a member of a group of investors bidding to buy a Boston TV station, was accused by Fisher at an FCC hearing of public obscenity. The basis for the charge were some sexually explicit Li'l Abner strips. Where the blue art work came from is unclear; Capp claimed Fisher had forged them, but given Ham's meager artistic talent, such was unlikely. Others have said that Capp was indeed the artist, circulating the pornography privately among friends. In either case, Capp was able to show quite easily that the strips never ran in the newspapers by simply producing the papers with the real Li'l Abner strips for the dates in question.

Although the publicity forced Capp to drop from the purchasing group, the episode literally destroyed Fisher. His emotional stability had for a long time been questionable, at best. For example, he often spoke of Joe as a real person and sometimes seemed to think that he himself was Knobby Walsh. Now, as a result of his perjury, he was expelled by the National Cartoonists Society and held up for a certain amount of ridicule by the public. What effect this had on his incipient paranoia is uncertain, but two days after Christmas, 1955, he committed suicide. Al Capp later bragged he had killed Ham Fisher.

After his death the strip was taken over by Tony DiPreta who draws it today. Joe hasn't fought in years, but his descendants are more popular than ever. Rocky Balboa? Micky Goldsmith? Clubber Lang? There is more than a passing resemblance here to the immortal creations of Hammond Edward Fisher.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J.J. WALCOTT, THE ODD OLD GENTLEMAN from Jersey who has mocked the calendar for something like forty years, made a mockery of the heavyweight championship of the world tonight in two minutes twenty-five seconds. He also made a hooting, disgusted, short-changed gathering in Chicago Stadium understand why there has been so much confusion about his real age. He can't count his years; he can't even count to ten.

Rocky Marciano, making his first defense of the title he won from Walcott last September, threw one respectable punch. It was a right uppercut to the expression, and it knocked Walcott to the floor. There old Joe sat like a darkly brooding Buddha, thinking slow and beautiful thoughts while ten seconds drained away and he made no effort whatever to get up.

That's all there was. Last autumn's wildly wonderful battle, one of the finest, closest, and most exciting of all heavyweight title fights, was replayed as one of the most sordid of all time.

Walcott was guaranteed a quarter of a million dollars for this night's work. If its finish guarantees his departure from boxing, the price was not too great.

After twenty-three recorded years as a professional fist fighter, the former champion went out in a total disgrace that no excuses can relieve. If he was truly knocked out by the only real punch of the bout, then he didn't belong in the ring. If he was not knocked senseless and did hear the count of the referee, Frank Sikora, then it was a disgrace, because it was evident through the last several seconds that he was not going to get up, or even try. If he did not hear the count, then he was befuddled by Marciano's blow or else his hearing is no better than might be expected at his age, for the toll of seconds was clearly audible in the press rows half the width of the ring away.

In any case, there could be no justification for the complaints which he and his proprietor, Felix Bocchicchio, made to the referee, or the subsequent shouting in their dressing-room, where Walcott's lawyer, Angelo Mallandre, declared he would protest to the Illinois State Athletic Commission.

It was unmistakably a count of ten, and Walcott remained unmistakably on his hunkers throughout, and the Marquis of Queensberry rules unmistakably define this as a knockout.

Walcott compounded his own disgrace by putting up no part of a fight during the brief seconds preceding his sit-down strike. From the opening bell he backed away and grabbed as the champion moved in on him. Once, coming out of a clinch, he brought his right up to Marciano's face; once he dropped a looping punch that landed on the back of Rocky's head, and two or three times he pawed at the champion's celebrated nose with a long, timid jab.

He backed to a point near Rocky's corner, where the ropes were on his right and Marciano's left. Rocky threw a left hook, which some observers thought was blocked, though Walcott said later that it landed. The uppercut followed and Walcott sprawled on his back, rocked to a sitting position, and remained there.

Unfortunately for the reputation of a fine young puncher, Marciano will receive little credit for his successful defense. He was willing and even eager to fight, but it takes two even to tango.

While the customers jeered and cops and ushers cleared the ring of a half-dozen strangers who piled in, presumably confident that here was one former heavyweight champion whom they could whip, Walcott departed with only one possession intact. He still had his record of never getting off the floor in eight championship fights.

It had not looked like a killing punch and Walcott did not seem badly hurt. He sat in a kind of round-shouldered hunch, heels wide apart on the canvas, knees bent—the posture of a child playing jacks. By the time the count reached eight, it was clear he would not get up before the toll was completed. He didn't stir until the referee had cried "Nine," and he was not off the floor until well after "Ten."

"I was robbed in New York the first time we boxed Joe Louis," Mr. Bocchicchio announced with simple dignity in the dressing room, "but I never saw no robbery like this."

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